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Missionary House, Boston;
29th May. 1841

Mr. Woodbridge L. James,
Utica, N. Y.

My Dear Sir,

I have been much disappointed that you got away from Boston without my seeing you again; & I have been quite at a loss to know how it happened. After passing you at the door of the Chapel I went to my office in a half an hour, & did not leave the Missionary House again till five or six o'clock, (though I was occasionally out of my room,) waiting to see you. Till the next morning, when Mr Chapman informed me that you were gone, I supposed you had concluded to put off starting till the next day.

My not seeing you again may, perhaps, be of little importance, as I had no important communication to make; still I intended and desired to take you & Mrs. James once more by the hand, bid you farewell, and assure you of our prayers & sympathy for you in all your contemplated labors, and of our readiness at all ~~times~~ times to do whatever may be in our power to render you happy & successful in your remote & in some respects, solitary field of labor.

Of all this permit me now to assure you in another manner, since I am not personally present with you. May the Lord watch over & protect you and your associates on your journey & carry you safely & speedily to your destined place, & give you unwearied zeal, great enjoyment, and great success in all your labors, causing the light of his favor to abide with you & your own souls to grow in spiritual strength & in meetness for the rest & perfect holiness of the heavenly state.

Write me freely whenever you have occasion. Let me hear of your progress before you leave the Sault Ste Marie.

Give my best Christian regards to Mrs. James, & Mr & Mrs Wheeler, & believe me to be very truly

Yours

David Greene

Missionary House, Boston;
29th May. 1846.

Rev. Gilbert Rockwood.
Tuscarora Mission.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 1st came duly to hand. Of [illegible] from the Sandwich Island we know nothing. No such vessel has ever been there. A vessel which has Mr. Tinker on board, but was expected to arrive at Falmouth or Fair Haven some ten months ago, may have the [illegible] in question, or might be mentioned by Mr Lyons as a New Bed- ford vessel. Nothing has as yet been heard of the vessel.

The donations you mention will be acknowledged as you desired & [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] shall desire [illegible] place [illegible] in [illegible]

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of the Summer [illegible] [illegible], the [illegible] will not object [illegible]

Dwight, Mass.

It [illegible] me pleasure to receive the favorable intelligence you give [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] will [illegible] appointed. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in acquiring [illegible] the language of these [illegible] and how [illegible] after all, [illegible] it seems very [illegible] men of competent [illegible] should grow up among [illegible] other tribes [illegible] enter on the [illegible] Indians have [illegible] [illegible] are likely to you [illegible] so far Starks [illegible] permanent [illegible] school over the Swamp. I hope good may be done there.

Yours truly D. Greene

of the summer as you mention, the Committee will not object.

Missionary House, Boston 9 June 1831.

Mr. Henry C. Copeland

Dwight Mission.

Sir

It gives me pleasure to receive the favorable intelligence you give of ~~the~~ Mr. Chew, & I hope that ~~the~~ expectations formed of him will not be disappointed. Considering how much time is lost in acquiring a knowledge of the languages of these remnants of Indian tribes, and how imperfect that knowledge is, after all, ~~in~~ most cases is, it seems very desirable that young men of competent education should grow up among ~~these~~ tribes themselves, & enter on the labors of the ministry.

It seems that your Indians have got so far started, that you are likely to have a comfortable & permanent place for a school over the Swamp. I hope good may be done there.

Yours truly D. Greene

Missionary House, Boston
9 June, 1864

Mr. Henry K. Copeland
Dwight Mission.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of April 21 came duly to hand, and is satisfactory. We are sorry to learn that your health has been imperfect, & hope that it may speedily be restored. As you retain the charge of the farm, you will of course have [illegible] care, and [illegible] labor coming upon you, [illegible] & com[illegible] strength, and a [illegible] will and cautious expenditure [illegible] all [illegible] to carry forward the affairs successfully.

As you are called to sustain new responsibility in connection with the mission, it may not be amiss for me to say to you, assured that you will receive it kindly, that while you will need both great activity & promptness to keep all the departments of the farm along in an energetic & profitable manner, you will also & no less need patience, forbearance, self control, and a conciliatory spirit in all your intercourse with those who may labor with you and those who may perform other portions of labor at the Station. Where there is so much to be done and so many persons to do it, and matters are in some respects so interwoven & complex, there will certainly be chafing, unless there is much care & kindness on the part of those who have the superintendence & direction. A mutual disposition to accommodate, to please, to render associates happy, even at the expense of some concession or an increase of labor or sacrifice, is the oil that prevents friction, & makes the whole machine move easily. I trust that the Lord, if you humbly look to him, will give to you & Mr. Hitchcock the grace & wisdom you both need for your trying, though invaluable labors. — With Christian regards to Mrs. Copeland, I remain truly yours. D. Greene

Missionary House. Boston,
June 4, 1841

Mr. James Orr.
Dwight Mission.

My Dear Sir,

Yours of 27 April, ult. reached Boston on the 1st inst. and was yesterday laid before the Committee. They voted to allow you the $118, which your last necessaries exceeded the appropriation formerly made you, supposing that $118 to include the $60 which you had purchased for you at Cincinnati and forwarded by Dat. Weed. Whatever part of the $118 you can take from Dwight in stock or any articles on hand, which can be spared without detriment to the mission, the Committee would prefer that you should take in this manner, rather than draw the money from the treasury at Boston.

State. Perhaps the mission may aid you in removing. And if in this manner you should receive what may be to you even of more value than the amount voted by the Committee, they would not be disposed find fault with it, if it should meet the views of Mr. Hitchcock.

As to a minister for Dwight I know not what to say. We make little or no progress, and fear that there may be considerable delay. You and all at Dwight may rely on our doing all that we can to supply them. They can hardly be more convinced of the importance of their being speedily supplied than the Committee are. We cannot ~~qualifie~~ endue with the requisite gifts those who are not qualified, or incline those to go whose minds are fully set on another field. We hope still that before this year is out some one may be found.

Assure all at the station of our christian & sympy & prayers. Very truly yours, D. Greene.

Missionary House, Boston,
9 8, 1860

Rev. P. P. Osunkhirhine,
St. Francis, L.C.

My Dear Sir,

Yours of the 21st came duly to hand. I have deferred replying till supposing you might soon acknowledge the receipt of minutes informing you of the grant to aid in completing your church, and thinking it possible that, in some manner, that grant might modify your views respecting the necessity or desirableness of another. As I have heard nothing from you, I yesterday laid your request before the Committee, & they voted to authorize you to draw on the treasurer for fifty dollars, to cover your physician's bill, and aid in paying up arrears into which you had fallen.

D. Greene.

he is a reasonable and kind man, would relinquish a part, at least, of his claim, on the circumstances of the case being fully stated to him. As to this you must make the best arrangement you can. The receipts to the treasury fall far below what is needed for the missions. Still the Committee wish to make the best disposal of the funds intrusted to them, in their power, for promoting the usefulness & comfort of the missionaries. They have no reason to doubt that you are industrious and economical in all your arrangements, and make your calls on the treasury as few and light as circumstances will permit, & it is highly important that you should continue in such a course. Be assured that you have the sympathy of the Committee, their good wishes, & their prayers.

Very truly yours, D. Greene.

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Allegheny, Penna.
15 June. 1861.

Mr. Woodbridge L. James
Lac Pointe

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 11th inst came to hand yesterday. If I fully understand the import of it, you request my opinion whether it is judicious or expedient for you now to drop your studying course & enter the ministry, as you had thus first contemplated, [illegible] advice [illegible]. On that point I should not dare to say decisively, especially in the case there [illegible] is, as to whether God by his providence & Spirit is calling you. Of these you must of course be the judge, so far [illegible] the responsibility [illegible] has. The advice [illegible] you [illegible] promising longer & most [illegible] familiarly [illegible] with you [illegible] your [illegible] the Ojibwas. [illegible] decision [illegible] your [illegible]. So far as I know the [illegible] of [illegible] you [illegible] better opportunity [illegible] I can understand what they [illegible] your [illegible] unworthy

the line of duty, & that you should go steadily
and cheerfully forward in your present
course. Still it would be very unfa-
vorable to your own peace, and almost
certain to ensure unhappiness & ill success,
if you should go on with a divided mind
& heart, having painful misgivings lest
you might be out of the course in which
God would have you go. If your own mind
is not, on the whole, settled & if you ~~expe~~
anticipate some day returning & studying
for the ministry, it seems to me you had
better stop now. Not that I would advise
you to ~~change~~ stop or change your
course; for my opinion is the other way—
viz. that you are likely to do at least as much good
as a school master, farmer, & mechanic, as
in any other manner. The school master has,
I suppose, on the whole, the best & most promising
congregation to which to preach the gospel, that
can be statedly gathered among the Ojibwas.
The man that is working with them, or for them,
or is giving another missionary labourer a
better opportunity to address them regularly &
effectually, is engaged in no less or unworthy

employment; & perhaps the work of the preacher himself is not more indispensable, & does not contribute more to the salvation of the Indians, than his.

I am aware that I am shedding little light on your path, & I do not know that I can hope to. I regret very much that your mind has fallen into this perplexity, & fear that it may disturb your peace & in no small degree interfere with your usefulness. To be decided on our course, to feel confident that we are in the path of duty, & to be prepared to press on through all obstacles, are perhaps indispensable to any high degree of enjoyment in our work, or any large share of enterprise or efficiency.

May the Lord teach you what he would have you do & guide & bless you in the performance of it.

Give my kind & christian regards to Mrs. Jannis & believe me to be very truly yours,

David Greene.

Missionary House, Boston,
15 June, 1841.

Rev. W. T. Boutwell,
Pokegama.

My Dear Sir,

Your letter of February 8th I was very glad to receive as I had heard so little from you since you left Boston, that I hardly knew where you were or what had befallen you. [illegible] from your letter & from other information that has come to me, that [illegible] still [illegible] of you, but [illegible] gives you strength [illegible] you through them, & you can see that you are in them [illegible] you, I presume, care little about them. You must not [illegible] some your friends ~~to~~ hereabouts by too marvellous stories about your [illegible] own [illegible] know. All men have not faith; therefore [illegible]

Bible.

We have regretted that you were unable to get through with your family, so as to spend the winter at Pokegama, but perhaps it will soon appear for the best that you were detained at La Pointe.

As to your sawmill I would say that we shall be very glad to have you & the Indians enjoy the advantage of one; but you must make it as little expense to the Board as possible. Our treasury is probably coming out more in debt at the end of this year, than at any former time. There is a call for larger allowances from almost all the missions, & these all in such a feeble state must be complied with, if the missions are to be continued. And the increase of your numbers by two additional families, must require increased grants, [illegible] your expenditures for other purposes will be augmented

Best regards to all your associates & especially Mrs. B.
I remain very truly yours. D Greene

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as little as possible. I hope you will take care to place your [illegible] on the right spot, & not be obliged for any reason, to have your work to be done over the second time for any cause.

Dear Sir,

The interesting account you give of Mr. [illegible] is truly encouraging; and should he stand fast so that your hopes he will indeed be a most valuable gift to the mission. I suppose there is no doubt that the Committee will appoint him when all things are ready for such a step. It will be well for yourself & Mr. Ayer, & Mr. Ely to make out a letter and sign it together expressing your opinions of the [illegible] & of the expediency of appointing him. It is also desirable that he should write at length a letter signifying his willingness to engage in the missionary work. We should like also to have some brief account of his parentage, [illegible] he was converted, of his Christian experience [illegible]. These communications [illegible] come before the Com.ee in the [illegible] form [illegible] at once.

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Superintendency Minn. Terr.

Rev. Saml W. Pond,
Fort Snelling.

15 June, 1850

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to learn by your letter of May 11th that you & your brother are still in so unsettled a state & that so little light seems to be shed on the path of your duty, especially on the point where you shall make your location. I feel myself at this distance and necessarily having but an imperfect acquaintance with the minute circumstances which may have an important bearing on the matter, quite incompetent to give you advice which can be of much value to you. Still I feel strongly prepossessed in favor of your going some distance up the country out of the reach, to some good extent, of those disturbing & corrupting influences that trouble the Indians in or near the Mississippi river.

Perhaps Traverse des Sioux may be a good location; but if you can effect a lodgment at Lake Traverse, or somewhere as far at least from the river as Lac qui Parle, it seems to me that your object of ultimately accomplishing great & permanent good for the Indians would be much better founded. The Indians might occasionally kill some of your cattle, & steal from your fields; but I can hardly think they would for any long time, make such depredations on the property of those who they see are laboring to do them good, & treating them in all respects with unvarying kindness.

Still I think this whole matter can be safely left to the judgment & responsibility of your brother & such advice as you can get from your brethren at Lac qui Parle. For your own happiness & success it seems to be very important that you should secure a location at some favorable point, & bring your labors to bear more directly, ~~and~~ systematically, & steadily upon the Indians. Not that we would have you select a post without due caution, or one which you would very likely find it expedient soon to abandon.

We have reports from time to time in the newspapers, of outrages committed by the Sioux & Ojibwas mutually upon each other, which appear on paper rather alarming. I am glad to learn from you that all is comparatively so quiet. May the Lord restrain their ferocity & murderous revenge, & incline to listen to the gospel of peace, & imbibe its spirit.

Remember me affectionately to your brother & your families.

& believe me to be truly yours,

D Greene.

Missionary House Boston; [illegible]

Mr. Frederick Ayer, [illegible]

Pokegama.

My Dear Sir.

A much [illegible] time, I believe, has elapsed since I wrote you than usual. For this I have no particular apology to offer, other than the [illegible] which I can offer for all [illegible] similar instances of my neglect, that my time is so fully occupied from day to day, that almost every thing that is not [illegible] is postponed. It gives me great pleasure to learn that while I know little of your affairs & can do little to counsel or aid you, the Lord is protecting you, guiding your affairs, blessing you with his Spirit & giving you the joy of seeing your labors for the Indians [illegible] altogether [illegible], perhaps, [illegible]

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that we will make use of them both for the ~~[illegible]~~ best purpose. Those pre-

[illegible] to Christ. The fact mentioned in your letter of [illegible] 4th, that the Indians [illegible] well [illegible] idea that [illegible] a permanently [illegible] mind, is a [illegible] formidable barrier in the removal [illegible] the way of their [illegible] under your [illegible] becoming [illegible] after [illegible] the highway [illegible] fold of Christ. We [illegible] in all these [illegible] instrumentality to accomplish this good [illegible] our fellow men [illegible] to bless [illegible] to the Indians

what they now are, we may hope

that he will make use of them both
for the ~~best~~ best purposes. Please pre-

You are enabled to tell of some advance in your work, and often of the conversion of souls to Christ. The fact mentioned in your letter of April 4th, that the Indians have to some extent, renounced the idea that it is disgraceful to work, if they ~~if they re-~~ & permanently continue of this mind, is ~~is~~ the removal of a formidable barrier in the way of their coming steadily under your influence, & ultimately becoming intelligent & Christian men. May the power & grace of God beat down these barriers, one after another, until speedily the highway shall be opened for them to come into the fold of Christ. We should recognise the hand of God in all these things, thank & praise him for them; & not the least, that he makes use of you as instrumentality to accomplish this good for the bodies & the souls of our fellow men. You have much reason to bless God that he has sent to you & to the Indians such men as Mr. Russell & Mr. Coe, or rather, perhaps, that he has made them what they now are, and may hope that he will make use of them both for the ~~[illegible]~~ best purposes. Please present them both my best Christian salutations & regards. Respecting the appointment of Mr. Coe as an assistant missionary, I have written Mr Boutwell. I hope the appointment may soon be made, if he is, as I trust the result will prove, the right man for such a work. His donation to the Board will appear in the July Herald.

As Messrs. Wheeler & Spencer will probably arrive in the Ojibwa country about the same time as this letter, it may, perhaps, be ~~to~~ expedient to have a meeting of the brethren of the mission, at some early period, to decide where they shall be located, & whether a new station shall be occupied. Perhaps this matter has already been considered, or that it may better be deferred for some months. Of this ~~you~~ the mission must judge.

With Christian regards to Mrs. Ayer & Mr. & Mrs. Ely, I remain very truly yours, D. G.

Missionary House, Boston,
15 July. 1841.

Mr Jacob Hitchcock
Dwight Mission.

My Dear Sir,

Yours of 28th ~~I have at hand the 4th instant~~. I can readily understand your embarrassment and that your associates at the Station for the want of adequate labourers, [illegible] carry forward the operations there. But you probably feel more [illegible] repeat ~~that~~ it is to them, [illegible] That such a Station, such a church to be looked after, & so many youth to be taught should be left for so long a time without a preacher or pastor is a source of sincere grief to us. It should not be, were it in our power to prevent it. But the fact is that we [illegible] who seems to be in any good de-

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be left yet a suitable man for the place, who is willing to go to an Indian mission [illegible] I cannot [illegible] but if some person is not found before the lapse of many months more, some arrangement must be made, [illegible] of the Station. [illegible] which will [illegible] labouring [illegible] I fear [illegible] health and not [illegible] bounds not be [illegible] could avoid it. You [illegible] as easi- [illegible] minds [illegible] God. Be not [illegible] Do. Keep [illegible] strength [illegible] what God gives. You [illegible] & ability to the best [illegible] circumstances will [illegible] that you have done your duty & all the ~~[illegible]~~ no man can rest [illegible] get a suitable man for the place, who is willing to go to an Indian mission. What we shall do I cannot now say; but if some person is not found before the lapse of many months more, some change must be made, which shall meet the wants of the station. With the burden of care which will come upon those of you now laboring at the station this summer, I fear there will be a loss of health and not a little suffering. You should not be so exposed, if we could avoid it. You must all let things pass along as easily as practicable, keep your minds in peace, being stayed on God. Be not disheartened or desponding. Do cheerfully what God gives you strength for, & use your time & ability to the best advantage your circumstances will permit, & then feel that you have done your duty & all the ~~rest can~~ rest can be left with God.

A teacher for the girls school we can get, and a teacher for the boys, if Mr. [illegible] should not return, and probably a pious layman, for a farmer or to take charge of the boys; but a preacher I am not so confident of obtaining. But for this, as I before remarked, we must do all we can.

I shall hope to get your report, for the Station soon.

With Christian regards to all your associates at the Station,

I remain truly yours,

David Greene

on points we feel conscience bound, and therefore must decline doing it in your case. All that I can do to relieve you must be by means of two or three remarks. My first is, That a course of labor for life must be adopted, at some time, and adhered to if we are ever to accomplish much. To keep the question what we shall be our employment open, from year to year, after the time to be acting has arrived,

Missionary House, Boston,

18 June, 184[illegible]

Mr. W. L. James
Utica, N.Y.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 10th came to hand on the 14th and on the 15th I wrote you directing to La Pointe. I now write a few lines in reply to yours of the 12th, received yesterday.

I feel it to be a very delicate, as well as a very serious matter to advise a person on points where he feels conscience bound, and therefore must decline doing it in your case. All that I can do to relieve yours must be by means of two or three remarks.

My first is That a course of labor for life must be adopted, at some time, and adhered to if we are ever to accomplish much. To keep the question, what we shall ~~do~~ be our employment for life, open, from year to year, after the [illegible] of settled [illegible] acting has arrived,

is certain to make us unhappy and ineffi-
cient. It is better to adopt the employment that
is but third or fourth in point of excellence,
than to be fluctuating between those that
are first & second, and prosecuting
neither vigorously. Our usefulness does
not depend so much on our vocation,
as on the devotedness and energy with
which we follow it up.

2. When, with a docile mind, sincere
prayer, & the best advice we could obtain,
a course of action has been adopted and
entered on, that very fact is generally to be
regarded as ~~a~~ an indication that we are where
God would have us be. We may afterwards see
that we were mistaken on some points
in coming to the decision; but still, it was
so ordered by Providence that we adopted this
course, & this is, therefore, probably, the right
one. The indications of Providence must
be very clear & authoritative to justify our
changing it, especially, if we have taken
any decisive steps in the course adopted.

3. If you are not decided, & cannot bring
your mind to be so, that you are in the path
of duty in joining & continuing in the mission,

in your present capacity, I do not think you ought to proceed. Unless your ~~mind~~ conscience can be at rest on this point, & you make up your ~~mind~~ mind to be satisfied & go forward, I should expect you to be unhappy, and inefficient, and of course likely to accomplish but little. So far as your letters give a clue to the future, I very much fear that you will go forward with a heavy heart, sorrowing that you are not a preacher, your conscience troubling you, & with little relish for your employments, until some change shall occur. I must say, however, & would do it in perfect kindness, that I very much doubt whether, if you become a preacher, you will be any more sure ~~that you~~ are in the path of duty than you now are, or, on the whole, have any fewer misgivings.

I regret very much to learn that Mrs James does not recover her strength and enjoy better health. If this should reach you before you shall have left Utica, I think it quite doubtful whether it is expedient for her to go on till her health is better. At least the opinions of physicians should be obtained whether she is likely to have health in her contemplated field of labor. [illegible]

Praying that the Lord may make your way clearly [illegible] to you, I am truly yours [illegible]

Missionary House. Boston,
23d June. 1841.

Mr. Abner D. Jones,
Saratoga Springs.
N. Y.

My Dear Sir,
Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 17th is received and was yesterday laid before the Committee. They are so little acquainted with the nature of your disease and your present prospects as to health, that they hardly know what advice to give you. They would desire from you a more particular statement respecting the state of your health as it now is, & your prospects for the future. They would also wish to know what the expenses of yourself and family are at present, whether you will expect aid from your friends or rely on the Board.

Our desire & prayer is that the Lord will restore you to health & usefulness again.

Very truly yours in the gospel
D. Greene.

Missionary House, Boston,
23d June, 1847.

Rev. Stephen R. Riggs
Lac Qui Parle.

My Dear Sir,

My main object in writing is to give you such information as we have obtained respecting the cuts for Gallaudet's Picture Reading and Defining Book. The owner says, after some [illegible] hesitation & delay, that we may have them to use gratuitously here or nearer to New York, & that we may have stereotype copies taken from them by paying the expense of the work, probably about 75 cts. a piece, each; or $18 for the 24. You may therefore go forward with the preparation of your book, expecting that some arrangement will be made respecting the cuts, so that you will be accommodated in this respect.

As you do not mention what your

wishes are as to the place where the printing is to be done; we shall take no further step relative to the cuts till we hear more from you on that point.

You & Doct. Wmson [illegible] can you get the Bands soon settled down at ~~some~~ interesting and promising point. I fear they are getting rather disheartened and almost ready to give over in despair. Can they not be brought further into the interior of the country & nearer to your station. How would they do at Lake Travers? It is very important that they should be located somewhere, where ~~the~~ whiskey shall not counteract all their efforts.

With kind & Christian regards to Mrs. R. & all your associates,

I remain very truly yours

D. Greene

Miss Sophia Sawyer

Fayetteville Arks.

Dear Madam,

Yours of 20th February came duly to hand, but as I had nothing special to write to you, it has been [illegible] till this time.

A few days since we received a line from Mr. J. M. Washburn requesting the Committee to make you a loan of two hundred dollars to aid you in paying the debt on the house you now hold [illegible] was won [illegible] after some discussion on the subject in which the indebtedness [illegible] (being considerably [illegible] at any former period) was consider[illegible]

Missionary House, Boston,
7 July. 1846.

Miss Sophia Sawyer,
Fayetteville, Arks.

Dear Madam,

Your favor of 20th February came duly to hand, but as I had nothing special to write to you, it has been permitted to lie unanswered till this time.

A few days since we received a line from Mr. Washburn, requesting the Committee to make you a loan of two hundred dollars to aid you in paying the debt due on ~~your~~ the house you have been building. Yesterday the subject was brought before the Committee, and after some discussion on the subject in which the indebtedness of your seminary, (being considerably greater now than at any former period) was consider such business is ill prepared to meet

& master'd. ~~Accounts~~ uncertain value in its unbound

with [illegible] ty situated as yours did you through. [illegible] of proper-

you [illegible] must be through your confidence in them

at length sold

Go to work on this [illegible] & make young pleasant

one hundred dollars ($100) to be used

other concerns [illegible]

necessary for the purpose requested, hoping that, with

means ~~that~~ that sum, you would be able to get along

Straiten [illegible]

without being distressingly embarrassed or

your mind in perfect peace

troubled.

And let me advise to

clear off this debt You are ~~much~~ ~~better~~ acquainted

that you have all the circumstances of the case

before you than I can be, but I very much

New debt [illegible] may [illegible]

fear that you will ~~find~~ your would-

you [illegible] a great inconvenience

be a source of ~~more~~ perplexity to you than

Keep your [illegible] in getting clear of

you anticipate, with the advantages

debt [illegible] possible, keep clear of it. [illegible]

it may be [illegible] it is [illegible]

to, a clear & happy mind, and

pleasant matter for a female, [illegible]

depends much upon it.

especially to engage in ~~such~~ ~~affairs~~, in such

receipts for all money you pay out

a community. There are frauds, & faithless-

The $100 [illegible]

ness, & failures of all kinds to be looked out

Hitchcock [illegible]

for, which a woman ~~&~~ unacquainted with

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such business is ill prepared to meet a Master. However, I hope your kind friend will advance aid you through. [illegible] must bring your confidence in God to act in this as well as in every other concern or emergency. Your fault of a hasty confidence into others' [illegible] turns you, — but a calm, constant, unshaken confidence, which shall ever keep your mind in perfect peace.

And let me advise to clear off this debt entirely, & know that you are square with the world, much before you venture to contract any new debts, even though it may subject you to a few, & great inconveniences. Keep your mind settled on getting clear of debt, & if possible keep clear of it. Character, a clear & happy mind, and efficiency depend much upon it. Keep your accounts carefully & accurately. Always take & preserve receipts for all moneys you pay out.

The $100 you can obtain through Mr. Mitchell on showing him this.

Very truly your friend. D. Greene.

Missionary House, Boston,
8th July, 1841.

Rev. Asher Bliss,
Cattaraugus Mission.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of date to the June 17th came to hand on the first instant and has been laid ~~to~~ before the Prudential Committee. While the Committee desire to do all in their power for giving efficiency and success to the ~~Indian~~ missions among the Indians, so far as may be consistent with the claims of other missions, & would be much gratified to have the labors, counsels & prayers of Mr. Bradley brought in to aid yours [illegible] at your station, they still have some doubts whether they ought in the present state of the treasury of the Board, more than $50,000 in debt, and the cramped & troubled state of so many of the missions abroad, to increase the expenses of the missions to the Indians in your State. This is the only reason for their hesitating to authorize you to shall be of the opinion, that, taking all the circumstances into consideration, it is expedient.

proceed in the place proposed. Perhaps I ought to say, however, that we are not sure of Mr. Bradley's success as a teacher of a school. It is doubtful whether he will have health and spirits adequate to the confinement and care; and we have some doubt whether he has capacity sufficient to interest & govern a school of fifty or sixty Indian boys. This is what I should tell him, if I might have an interview with him on the subject. Perhaps with his other good qualities, power and skill in teaching and governing Indian boys is to be added, but I have some doubts. As a Christian visiter, a counsellor, a peace maker, & leader of social religious meetings, I should have high expectations of his usefulness.

After discussing the matter some time, the Committee voted to grant the $100 you request, if Mr. Bradley's labors among the Indians can be secured for that, and not without it; and if the missionary brethren shall be of the opinion, that, taking all the circumstances into consideration, it is expedient. In the present state of our affairs it must, of course, be regarded as a temporary arrangement, to be at the direction of the Committee, to be continued for another year or not, as the ~~the~~ treasury of the Board and other claims of the missions shall permit.

And you must not let the expense ~~of the treasury~~ go beyond ~~the sum~~ named, $110— Is Miss Adams to leave, or how is she to be supported if $100 is taken from ~~the~~ school department and used as, for the support of Mr. B.? or is this to be taken from other allowances to schools?

Please give my best Christian regards to Mrs. Bliss, Mr. & Mrs. Bradley, & Miss Adams.

In much haste but very truly
~~to New Engl~~ yours,

D. Greene

Miss M. A. Bissell
Dwight Mission

20 July, 1835

By a letter from ~~[illegible]~~ Mr. Hitchcock under date of 9 June I learned that your health seemed to render it desirable for you to leave the mission and return to New England. At a recent meeting of the Prudential Committee, Mr. Hitchcock's letter was submitted to them, and I was instructed to inform you that if your health still required you to leave the missionary work the Committee would grant you a letter of dismission in the usual manner. By this letter you are authorized to return to New England. After your arrival you can apply for any [illegible] [illegible] upon them, if you [illegible] expedient.

Mr. Hitchcock ~~[illegible]~~, you regard yourself as having been appointed for three years only. I presume, therefore, this was the understanding you had with [illegible]

Very truly your friend in Christ.
D. Greene.

Mr. Hitchcock mentions that you regard yourself as having been appointed for three years only. I presume, therefore, that this was the understanding you had with Mr. Washburn & others who conferred & corresponded with you on the subject, though I do not find that any thing was written on the point in any letter received by us here, and the appointment was not made in that form. There was probably some misunderstanding or forgetfulness on the part of some one through whom our testimonials or other communications came. It is, however, now of little consequence. We regret that it has become necessary for you to leave the School where you have been so usefully & acceptably employed. We commend you to the Lord, & pray his blessing may attend you wherever he shall in his providence call you.

Very truly, your friend in Christ.

D. Greene.

Missionary House, Boston;
28th July, 1841.

Rev. Sherman Hall
La Pointe.

My dear Sir

Your favor of the [illegible]d June came to hand on the 28th, and yesterday I had a very pleasant call from Mr. Mendenhall, of whom I made many inquiries and presume ~~that~~ I obtained some correct information. Of the mission & the missionaries he spoke with apparently warm interest and approbation; and seemed much gratified at the inspection of the Missionary House, & at learning of our affairs here. I hope ~~that~~ this influence will be a source of comfort & usefulness to you, & that you may be able to do much for this spiritual good & that of his associates.

I am sorry to learn that the state of things between the mission and Dr. Borup before this received by Mr. Wheeler & Mr. [illegible]ney.

As this is our time of [illegible], yo

is so unsatisfactory and painful. May the Lord reclaim him from his wanderings, & still make him an instrument of good to the Indians. You & your associates must aim & pray to pursue the course of Christian meekness & love toward him, & if possible save him from apostacy. He always appeared to be an amiable man, & I confidently hoped that the grace of God had renewed his heart. Your disappointments in respect to him & Mr Wa[illegible] certainly have been very painful. But the Lord has other ways & instruments of working & building up his cause. Trust his wisdom & goodness still. Never despond, except of your own strength.

The letters & information which you desired I trust you have before this received by Mr. Wheeler & Mr. Jones.

As this is our time of hurry, you

must excuse me for writing but little. I hope to receive something in form of a report from you soon to be used for the Annual report.

Mr. Brooks politely, but pretty decidedly, declined taking the supplies. But we have here in Boston some half dozen agents of companies who ship goods to all the ports on the lake, by one of which we sent the goods at once. If they do not get through seasonably sure, we should like to know it.

With love to all your family
I remain very truly yours,

D. Greene.

Missionary House, Boston,
4 August, 1841.

Rev. B. Griswold,
Randolph, Vt.

Dear Sir,

At the meeting of the Prudential Committee held yesterday, Miss Clarissa [illegible] was appointed as an assistant missionary of the Board, with the understanding that she would go to Western Africa having entered into a matrimonial connection with yourself. Please give her my Christian regards. And may the Lord qualify you both for the interesting work before you & greatly bless you in it.

Very truly yours, &c.

Missionary House, Boston;
4 Aug. 1841.

Rev. Saml G. Whittlesey,
New York.

Dear Sir,

At the meeting of the Prudential Committee held yesterday Miss Anna C. Mills was appointed an assistant missionary of the Board, with the understanding that she would enter into a matrimonial connection with yourself and join the mission in Ceylon. Please accept my personal christian regards; & may the Lord qualify you both for the missionary work & for you greatly bless you in it.

Very truly yours in Christ,
D. Greene
Secy A.B.C.F. Missions.

with Mrs. Bird, to return to Syria this
fall, & this, in view of the necessity of a result
which otherwise your [illegible]. I think
your usefulness there would be far greater
than here, & therefore your happiness.
We have [illegible] the least doubt as to your
disposition. After you & Mrs. Bird have

Missionary House, Boston,
Aug. 6. 1841.

Rev. Isaac Bird,
Gilmanton, N.H.

My dear Brother,

~~I believe in the~~ hope earnestly that ~~the~~ you will be able to resume your useful labours in Syria never so useful as they would be be under present circumstances. But if it is settled that you are not going back, would it not be best to bring the matter to a crisis, & no longer report you among the "missionaries in this country," in the annual Report? For my own part, I freely confess a very strong desire that you may be allowed with Mrs. Bird, & return to Syria this fall, & thus save the necessity of a [illegible] which otherwise seems expedient. I think your usefulness there would be far greater than here, & therefore your happiness. Nor have I the least doubt as to your disposition. After you & Mrs. Bird have talked over the subject & prayed over it, in answer, please write me. Affectionate remembrance to her, & believe me to be,

How far it will be wise to aid the Indian farmers or even, in the manner R. Anderson proposes, is a point of some doubt. It has a tendency to increase the disposition of the Indians to rely on others, & because it is so [illegible]. Whatever tends to foster or continue this feeling of dependence should be avoided, & whatever will induce them to rely on themselves is really a favor to them. [illegible] all [illegible] whether the [illegible] omitted,

Missionary House, Boston,
11 Aug. 1841.

Rev. Cutting Marsh.
Stockbridge Mission.

My Dear Sir,

The joint letter of yourself & wife, dated June 25th came duly to hand. As this is our busiest season of the year, on account of annual meeting &c, I must reply briefly & in haste.

How far it is best to aid the Indian females in the manner your wife proposes, is a point of some doubt. You are both aware of the disposition of the Indians to rely on others, whenever it is possible. Whatever tends to foster & continue this feeling of dependence should be avoided, & whatever will induce them to rely on themselves is really a favor to them & [illegible] [illegible] all [illegible] I [illegible] doubt whether the [illegible] method,

to the long run, by receiving them. Their
property [illegible] & slaves without their [illegible]
whole, but surely, with the prospect of
their arriving at that state [illegible], at no
distant day, [illegible] than if you left
them alone without their own exertions.
[illegible] it [illegible] the. I will you [illegible]
teach them now to [illegible]
themselves, but let them understand
that their due labor is the provision
from the Master, [illegible]
me that they are [illegible] making any [illegible]
[illegible] that [illegible] in the
[illegible] the [illegible] will [illegible] in the
[illegible] improvement [illegible] place [illegible]
a higher level than [illegible] them previously.

Would not the [illegible]
cession [illegible]
you, because you [illegible] not equally [illegible].

If you still think [illegible]
information, [illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible]

Missionary House, Boston
10 Aug. 1841.

Rev. S. A. Worcester,
Park Hill.

My Dear Sir,

Your two letters of 1 June, one by mail & the other by private hand, have both reached me. The calendar will be ready for you soon and forwarded to you, prepared by the same person who performed the service in previous years. The books &c. that you sent by Mr. Delano are received. I am daily expecting to see him again on his return to your country, & have a few small packages to send by him.

As this is our busy period of the year, the labor of preparing for the annual meeting being crowded into a few weeks, I must [illegible]

Missionary House. Boston
10 Aug. 1841

Mr. Jacob Hitchcock
Dwight Mission.

My dear Sir,

Your favor of 3 June came duly to hand, & I thank you for the detail you have given of the affairs of your station. Though not so full and definite on all points as I could wish, it will aid me in giving a general view of the operations of the mission for the year.

I wrote Miss Bissel 24 July, giving her the vote of the Committee, authorizing her to leave the mission. We shall expect to send another teacher as soon as the navigation in the rivers will permit. Mr. Day & his intended wife have sent in testimonials which appear very well, & probably both of them will receive an appointment soon.

Committee at their meeting to day.
Miss Stetson has not made her appearance yet, though we suppose that she is not far off. We have heard nothing [illegible] there. There is no probability that the Committee will send her back to Dwight or any other Station.

As to obtaining a man I can make no progress as yet, & can only say as heretofore, that we shall do all we can to obtain one. A man to take charge of the boys out of school we hope to get and send in the coming autumn.

Rev. Wm A. Hallock, Sec. of the American Tract Society writes me that there is a Mr. Robert Buckham, residing not far from Dwight, at Webbers Falls, he implies, who is a son of a pious woman in this [illegible] [illegible], is a [illegible] member, but is supposed not to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to their religion. The mother feels solicitous respecting his spiritual welfare, and desires that he may be brought under other and more steady religious influences. If the members of the Mission can do any thing for him by way of conversation, or furnishing him occasionally with religious books or tracts, or in any other manner, it would be a favor to him and to his mother. Any thing sent him should be to the care of R. B. Crocker, Merchant, Webbers Falls. The mother desires him to be acquainted with the Mission family & correspond with them in their work.

Very truly yours,

[illegible]
16 Aug. 1841.

Revd. Thos. S. Williamson
Lac qui Parle

My dear Sir,

Since I last wrote you your favors of Dec. [illegible] and May [illegible] have come to hand, also the letter of Mr. [illegible] of Feb. 24, [illegible] I will thank you to say to him is received, & that the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] elsewhere.

As we are much pressed with [illegible] about this time in preparing for the annual meeting of the Board I can write but briefly. It must be a source of much satisfaction to yourself & your associates that you are permitted to [illegible] so steady, and [illegible] progress in your missionary work, [illegible]

be preparing the annual report for the Board.

You may [illegible] do what you can to put the Mission Band into a situation where they may proceed in some more settled place, with better prospects [illegible] ing fruit from their labour. They deserve to be good, industrious, and competent labourers, earnestly desirous to accomplish something for the salvation of the Indians. I fear they are becoming disheartened.

It is painful to learn that the Sioux have been making incursions into the Ojibwa country, & shedding blood there. May Christianity soon [illegible] [illegible] their savage [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Missionary Rooms, Boston
10 Aug. 18[illegible]

Mr. Kellogg Day
[illegible] Erie Co. N.Y.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 31 July has come to hand, with the requisite testimonials for yourself & Miss Ingalls. To day they were laid before the Prudential Committee and you were both appointed assistant missionaries of the Board, with the expectation that you would be united in marriage and proceed to the Cherokee mission as teachers. We suppose of course that you will not proceed to the station at Dwight till October or November. As I am now greatly pressed with labors, preparing for the Annual meeting of the Board, & shall be so till after that meeting I cannot write you fully now and I the hearing. We are sure you will

Maine. If you hear any rumours of Mr. [illegible] election or of [illegible] or any other [illegible] [illegible] your letter [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] them as early as practicable. I hope you [illegible] in New York & Ohio [illegible] [illegible]

Your favor of the

[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] is greater [illegible] any [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]

I [illegible] [illegible] allowances [illegible] [illegible]

A large [illegible] out [illegible] will not [illegible] [illegible] Delight. need the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of your [illegible] may be [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] you allowances are [illegible] necessary [illegible]

I am yours very truly

[illegible] you to remain [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

10 Aug. 1841

Mr. Abner D. Jones,
Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 6 instant came duly to hand and a previous one from you has not been acknowledged. As we are much pressed with labor at this season of preparation for the Annual Meeting of the Board, I must write you briefly and in haste.

The Committee, of course, wish you to draw on the treasury for as small a sum as practicable, consistent with the restoration of your health. Our treasury is [illegible] now in debt, & the calls from the missions for enlarged allowances are [illegible] and urgent. What is absolutely necessary to enable you to remain in a situation favorable to your restoration to health the Committee will approve of your drawing for

in the treasury. We are sure you will
get into some employment as soon as your
strength will permit, & such employment
can be found. We should not know
of any situation in this vicinity where
you would support your family. Open-
~~[illegible]~~ may more probably be found readil[y]
in the interior of the State than on the
seaboard, and quite likely a situation
out of the reach of your health east
winds would be more favorable to your
enjoyment of enjoyment of good health.

With Christian regards to Mrs. Jones
and yourself.

I remain very truly yours.

D. Greene.

Missionary House, Boston,
Aug. 12. 1841.

Rev. Wm. Page,
Jonesville, N.Y.

My dear Sir,

Your favor of 25th ult. was duly received, & I laid it before the Committee on Tuesday last.

The enterprise in which Miss Danforth is engaged is not [illegible] the Committee [illegible] that they can properly have any action respecting it. The Committee has expressed no wish to [illegible] to have it connected with our operations, nor has any [illegible] been sanctioned by our missions. I have supposed that her mission at [illegible] was to make it a self-supporting effort, requiring only a little outfit from this country at the beginning. In order to succeed in this, she must needs be disconnected with missionary societies. I have a favorable opinion of her & her enterprise and hearing the last words on the conference along however, if it returns in her place, I ... drawing support [illegible] to [illegible] for this country.

[illegible] support in respect the mode of carrying on the great enterprise for the conversion of the world, is determined by ~~[illegible]~~ of common men, & will be by the experience of the churches [illegible] that of having the charities of the church administered by only a small number of hands, of men, that they shall of necessity acquire a large amount of experience.

I hope Miss Davenport will succeed in her plan of a self supporting school at Smyrna, & I think she may depend on having the best wishes and the countenance

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Mrs. Lucy G. Thurston

of the [illegible] that duty.

Thanking you, Dear Sir, for [illegible] kind interest, I am, with great respect, Very truly yours,

R. Anderson
Secy of A.B.C.F.M.

instance

which you [illegible] in your letter of July 27th. [illegible]

[illegible] has been [illegible]

[illegible] will be happy [illegible] provision is made for your comfortable stay in Philadelphia during the annual meeting there [illegible]

No. 1587 [illegible] for all friends

= 150

Aug. 12. 41

Mrs. Lucy G. Thurston

of the missionary body in that city.

Thanking you, Dear Sir, for this your kind interest, I am, with great respect,

very truly yours,

R. Anderson,
Missionary House, Boston.
Secy. of A. B. C. F. M.

Mrs. Lucy G. Thurston,
Marlboro', Mass.

Dear Madam,

Above you have the remittance of a draft for one hundred & fifty dollars which you requested in your letter of July 27th. The Treasr. has been absent.

We shall be happy to see that provision is made for your comfortable stay in Phila-

delphia during the annual meeting. There
will doubtless be room to spare for all friends
who choose to attend.

No. 1587

= 150

Aug. 12. 41

Mrs. Lucy G. Thurston

One hundred & fifty dollars

Merchants Bank
Boston.

H. Hill

Missionary House, Boston.
Aug. 12. 1841.

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Marlboro', Mass.

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I hope the broken bone is recovering.

Desiring affect. respects to your children, I am, as ever, affectionately, truly yours,

R. Anderson

Rev. Jos. [illegible],
Granville, Oh.

The Prudential Committee, at their last meeting, complied [illegible] with the request in your letter of 27th ult. & voted to release you from your connexion with the Board. In communicating this fact, I must say that I have been gratified with the spirit you have shown in your trying circumstances, & I confidently believe that your missionary zeal will prove itself to be genuine, by leading you to keep the cause constantly in view, & to do what you can among the churches to induce them to engage more ardently in

Missionary Rooms, Boston,
Jany. 12. 1841.

Rev. Joel L. Dickinson,
Granby, Ms.

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Missionary House, Boston
13 Aug 1861.

Rev. S. A. Worcester,
Park Hill

of the work.

Call for us when you come to town, & let us know how you are situated for the [illegible] & what your prospects of health & usefulness, etc. Praying the Lord to guide & bless you, I am, my dear sir, as ever, most truly yours,

R. Anderson,
Sec. of the A.B.C.F.M.

my letter [illegible] [illegible] June 19 [illegible] [illegible] that its northern declination [illegible] more than 2°. I think he thinks [illegible] describe. The trembling [illegible] may be accounted for by its being so near the horizon [illegible] affected by [illegible] the earth's [illegible]. Mr B. [illegible] will make [illegible] [illegible]

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Missionary House, Boston,
13 Aug. 1841.

Rev. S. A. Worcester,
Park Hill. C. N.

My Dear Sir,

Your inquiry about the star [illegible] Mr. Bond, who keeps the Cambridge Observatory. He says that no comet is known to be visible, & none is expected at this time; & he thinks it probable that what [illegible] in latitude only 50 minutes, [illegible]. On referring to [illegible] he finds that Mercury was June 19 [illegible] & 42 m. [illegible] that its northern declination [illegible] more than 2½°. Which he thinks may be [illegible] if visible as you describe. The twinkling he thinks may be accounted for by its being so near the horizon, & affected by the [illegible] the earth's surface. Mr. B. says he will make further inquiry, & add [illegible] if he finds anything [illegible].

I remain truly yours,
D. Greene

23d Aug. 1844

Rev. H. B. Dodge,
Lovely [illegible]

[illegible] the Osages, we wrote the pro[illegible]

Missionary House. Boston,
23d Aug. 1844.

Rev. N. B. Dodge,
Little Osage, Bates Co. Mo.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of January 20th, was received a month after date, & ought to have been answered but has been unavoidably neglected.

Your statement respecting the money that has passed through your hands is satisfactory.

Respecting the property at Harmony I would remark that the Board has never given it over to the government, nor have we sold it, or made any disposition of it, more than to let it run on in such a state as circumstances dictated. With kind remembrances to your family & former missionary associates.

I remain truly yours
D. Greene

discontinued & there seemed to be little prospect that we should soon be able to do anything successfully for the Osages, we wrote the government, inquiring whether our treasurer could receive payment for the prop- improvements, with the understanding that ~~it~~ the avails would be used for any body of Indians of that vicinity, or whether they must be applied exclusively for the Osages. By the reply received, we were shut up to the latter. There the matter ended, and we have known nothing what the government were doing in regard to the matter. The present occupant I have supposed, came in by purchasing the possessory right of some of the Mission families. Whether the Board would ever realize any thing from the property or not, I have supposed to be quite uncertain. With kind remembrance to your family & former missionary associates.

I remain truly yours
D. Greene.

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Missionary House, Boston,
23 Aug. 1841.

Rev. D. S. Butrick,
Cherokee Mission.

My Dear Sir,

Your favor of April 14th has been some time on hand, and now, in the pressure of other labor, I must reply to it briefly & in haste.

As to the manner in which the internal affairs of your mission shall be regulated, I suppose it to be of very little consequence; & that the Committee care very little, whether the present plan is continued, & each station refers its own requests to the Committee; or whether the old plan of meetings be resumed. The former, I am inclined to believe, is less likely to occasion long discussions & sometimes hard feelings, and to be, on the whole, most satisfacto y to all concerned. The access to the Committee by letter is so easy from the Indian missions that little delay will be occasioned by referring important questions to them. And if there is danger that any individual is unduly biased in favor of a specific course, it is easy to get the opinions of other brethren who know the facts of the case.

It gives me pleasure to learn that your people are so public spirited in regard to their meeting house, & that Messrs. Taylor & Steiner are inclined to aid you by their cooperation. I hope you may find your hands greatly strengthened by the holy lives, the christian efforts, & the prayers of those about you.

The Committee will have no objection to your naming your station and church

Mount Zion, as you propose, if that will satisfactory to the Indians.

Are all the churches connected with the Cherokee mission to adopt the Congregational form of ecclesiastical government; or yours only? We, of course, have no objections to congregationalism, unless its introduction is likely to produce dissension, where a different form prevails around them.

Please give my Christian regards to Mr. Butrick; & also to Messrs. Taylor & Steiner; & believe me to be

Truly yours.
D. Greene

~~Relation~~ to your [illegible] in the mission, permit me to state that I presume that on the several points which you mention, it will be what you desire. I believe that there never has been any dissatisfaction expressed by the teachers in the instruction and government of the school. Nor is any thing of the kind to be apprehended hereafter, unless there should be, as we hope there never will, a [illegible] in the teacher requiring [illegible] the female teacher has, I [illegible] I believe that the [illegible] buildings [illegible] perfectly convenient.

It will not probably be desirable for you to go to Dwight till about the 1st of November. If you should [illegible] you will please inform me that your [illegible] may be known, if I should have [illegible]

Very respectfully your friend in Christ,
D. Greene.

Missionary House Boston
24th Aug. 1841.

Miss Martha Briggs
Burlington, N.J.

Dear Madam

Your favor of the 13th came to hand just as I was leaving Boston for a week's absence, which has occasioned a long delay, at present, for replying to it. [illegible] your name was brought before the Committee, and you were appointed an assistant missionary of the Board, and designated as teacher of the female school at Dwight.

Relative to your situation in the mission, permit me to state that I presume that on the several points which you mention, it will be what you desire. I believe that there never has been any disposition to interfere with the teacher in the instruction and government of the school. Nor is any thing of the kind to be apprehended hereafter, unless there should be, as we hope there never will, a gross deficiency in the teacher, requiring interposition. The female teacher has, I think, in all cases had a room for her exclusive use, & I believe that the arrangement of the mission buildings is such as to render this perfectly convenient.

It will not probably be desirable for you to go to Dwight till about the 1st of November. If you should change your place of residence, you will please inform me of it, that your address may be known, if I should have occasion to write you.

Very respectfully your friend in Christ.

D. Greene.

Missionary House, Boston,
16 Sept. 1861.

Mr. Saml. Newton,
Steam Mill, Ark.

Dear Sir,

Yours of 15th August came to hand this day. In relation to your first wife & Mr. Seely, you will observe that they were both removed by death long before the missions of the United Foreign Missionary Society were transferred to the Am. Board of For. Missions, and of course, were never connected with this Board. Our intention & plan was to give statistical information of those only who were connected with the A.B.C.F.M.

Very truly yours,

D. Greene.

Missionary House. Boston,
15th Sept. 1841.

Miss Sophia Sawyer
Fayetteville. Arks.

Dear Madame,

Your letter of 12 Augst came to hand yesterday, and together with the note of Mr. Sturman, enclosing yours, was laid before the Committee. Shortly before the date of yours, we received a letter from Mr. Washburn, proposing that the Committee should make you a grant to aid in the liquidating the debt you had contracted in erecting your school house. The Committee voted to grant you $100— about which you were authorised by a letter I wrote you, to obtain through the mission at Dwight. In the present state of the treasury of the Board & the calls from the Missions, the Committee do not think that they ought to make any further grant for the object under consideration. They are not certain, however, that they understand fully the nature of the arrangement between yourself & Mr. Stirman. From your letter we infer that you desired the treasurer to pay ~~to the~~ Mr. Stirman's order $100, & that ~~he~~ you expected him to pay over to you the same amount, nominally, in Arkansas currency; though your letter may be understood to mean that you would pay over to the mission the $100— from your own resources, making the transaction equivalent to your paying Mr. S. $100— for money and other aid which he* has furnished to you. From his letter, this is clearly his understanding of the transaction. He expects the $100— to be placed at his order in the way of compensation. And for aught we know, this is all right. I mention this because it is not certain to us that you both ~~so~~ regard the transaction in the same light.

D. Greene.

I suppose that you are aware that an Eastern draft for $100 — on Mr Hill is worth some fourteen or fifteen per cent more than $100 in Arkansas bills. In any transaction of this kind this fact should be kept in mind.

If you prefer to have the $100 remitted you sometime since in such a form that it can be paid in this part of the country, instead of receiving it through the mission at Dwight, it can be so arranged either by Mr. Hitchcock or Mr. Hill.

By your own account of yourself you are very neglectful of your pecuniary matters, & loose in your manner of transacting business. It ought not to be so. There is no merit in it, & no small perplexity & trouble, & sore disappointments may grow out of it. The sooner you can close up these affairs and go on snugly within yourself, the better it will be for your peace & welfare.

In much haste, but sincerely your friend,

D. Greene.

Missionary House, Boston:
16 Sept. 1861.

Rev. Saml Lee,
New Ipswich, N.H.

Dear Sir,

The memorial from yourself & other ministers in New Hampshire presented to the Board at its late meeting in Philadelphia was referred to a select committee consisting of the Rev. Dr. Woods & Hawes, ~~[illegible]~~ Chief Justice Williams, & Rev. Messrs Magie & Hammer; who subsequently reported upon it, having, as they stated, after much deliberation & prayer come to an unanimous result. Although there are those who thought the report of the committee of the Board on the side of ~~[illegible]~~ the abolitionists, and others pro-slavery, still all ~~those~~ [illegible] the report of the Board [illegible] as Christian [illegible] they [illegible]

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their objection, and the report was unanimously adopted. It was understood, through Dr. Hawes, that the report not only met his views, but also those of John T. Norton, Esq., with whom Dr. H. held some conference on the subject. We can hardly [illegible] it will be [illegible] to [illegible] friends of Christ who [illegible] for what pur[illegible], especially, the Board was [illegible] for what purpose its members have come into it, & for what purpose its patrons have contributed to its treasury. [illegible] the report of the select committee [illegible] in the Boston Recorder of [illegible] in the religious newspapers, and in [illegible] of the Board. I trust you will excuse me for my [illegible] in this [illegible] it to you.

Very respectfully & truly yours,
D. Greene

their objections, and the report was unanimously adopted. It was understood, through Dr. Hawes, that the report not only met his views, but also those of John T. Norton, Esqr. with whom Dr. H. held some conference on the subject. We can hardly believe that it will be otherwise than satisfactory to all friends of Christ who candidly consider for what purpose, exclusively, the Board was organized, for what purpose its members have come into it, & for what purpose its patrons have contributed to its treasury.

As the report of the select committee on the memorial appears in the Boston Recorder of today, & will soon doubtless be in most of the other religious newspapers, and in the ~~[illegible]~~ Herald & Report of the Board, I trust you will excuse us from the labor, in this time of hurry, of not copying it out & sending it to you.

Very respectfully & truly yours
D. Greene

Missionary House, Boston
Nov. 6, 1861.

Rev. D. S. Butrick
Cherokee Mission.

Dear Sir,

Your letter to Mr. Hill, of July 25th was placed in my hands a fortnight ago, since which time I have been fully occupied in preparing for and attending the annual meeting of the Board, & now embrace the earliest opportunity to write briefly in reply to your inquiries relating to the boarding school.

Perhaps you are aware that the Board has never been so deeply in debt as at the present time (exceeding $60,000) and at no former period have the openings and calls been more inviting for greatly extending the several missions. The indications of the presence of the Spirit of God and the movements of his providence at these outposts of his are such, that for us to [illegible] retrenching, except to extend & strengthen in these, seems like disobedience and a disregard to the salvation of the souls of men.

The Committee hope that they shall not always be so perplexed as to the path of duty in consequence of the want of adequate pecuniary resources. As the circumstances now are, they would not think it right to increase the expenses of your station much at present, for the purpose of taking boarding scholars, and if you begin to take any, it will be difficult for you to know where to stop; it will probably not be expedient for you to take any for which a compensation is not given.

[illegible] You may assure Mr. Taylor and McKenney and all their brethren, that though we, from our situation, have little intercourse with them, it is not because we feel no interest in their welfare. They are often in our thoughts and in our prayers, and we desire to do as all for them & their people, as the claims of other missions will permit. We have occupied a large field of labor, full of people of many nations & languages; and [illegible] missionaries & presses to support. But still there are none which the Committee would more reluctantly abandon, than those among the Indians.

Assure them of my Christian regards, and believe me to be yours very truly

D. Greene.

Missionary House, Boston;
16 Sept. 1841.

Rev. Asher Bliss,
Cattaraugus Mission.

Dear Sir.

Mr. Hill put your letter, containing a paragraph respecting Henry Silverheels, into my hands before the Annual meeting of the Board; but my time has been so fully occupied with labors originating in that meeting, that I have delayed writing till now, and at this time I must write very briefly.

As to Mr. Silverheels engaging as a missionary farmer, permit me to say that I cannot but love and honor the feelings that prompts him to it; I hope it is a spirit that will animate him so long as he lives. I will urge him on to great diligence in all the duties of the Christian life, & in efforts to serve Christ & do good to his fellow men wherever he is. Whether the Lord will open the way for him to go to other tribes of men to labor for their spiritual good or not, is uncertain. To the Sandwich Islands we shall probably send few if any more laborers, except preachers & physicians. A farmer can be of but little use to a mission there. The state of the Oregon mission is such now, that the Committee will not probably, for some years to come, send additional laborers there. I said I do not know what field there is open for him at present, where he could be usefully employed. Still I hope he will not cease his endeavors to cultivate all the graces of the Christian character, such as would be requisite, if he were going to a missionary laborer in the most distant parts of the earth; for there grace are just what will make him most exemplary, most useful, & most happy, if he should remain among his own people. And he knows not how soon the providence of God may call him to another sphere of labor. May the Lord enable him to be as holy & active as a missionary ought to be, and give him a heart to do diligently whatever his hand finds to do for the salvation & improvement of his own people, & upon all his labors grant his blessing.

Please give Mr. Silverheels and all his brethren with whom I have formed any acquaintance, my Christian regards.

Remember me to Mrs. Bliss & Mr. & Mrs. Bradley.

Very truly yours.

D. Greene.

Missionary Rooms, Boston,
22 Sept. 1826.

Miss Harriet Ames.
Conway, Mass.

Dear Friend,

Your favor of August 28th came duly to hand, with the accompanying testimonials. As the time which the Prudential Committee could appropriate to the affairs of the Board was fully preoccupied by matters relating to the annual meeting, then close at hand, it was necessary to postpone the consideration of your case. Yesterday was the earliest opportunity at which it could be brought before them. They then, after hearing the testimonials, appointed you an assistant missionary, with the understanding that you would join the Choctaw mission, as a teacher, to reside in the family of Mr. Kingsbury.

Our expectation is that a company will start early in November, proceeding by the way of Pittsburgh & the Ohio & Mississippi, & Arkansas rivers. But on this point I will give you more particular information as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made. It is possible that the deficiency of funds may prevent our sending the company this fall, though we hope not. The company we expect to consist of ~~of~~ a Mr. Copeland, teacher for the Choctaws, who will probably be accompanied with a wife, and another female teacher besides yourself, all of whom reside now in New Jersey; these will be joined ~~[illegible]~~ probably at Cincinnati by another teacher and his wife designed for the Cherokees, occupying a country adjoining to the Choctaws. The other female teacher also is destined to the Cherokees.

Should you need any assistance in procuring articles for outfit, you will please inform me of it, & state the amount whenever convenient. You will not need to take with you much beyond wearing apparel. What you find you need, after you arrive can be forwarded to you with the usual supplies sent annually to the stations in that quarter.

May the Lord fit you in all respects for the work to which he seems to have called you, & guide, sustain, comfort, & prosper you in it.

Very sincerely your friend in
Christ. David Greene

Missionary House, Boston,

Sep. 22. 1844.

~~Rev. John Nelson,~~ Rev. Jos. S. Travelli,

~~Leicester, Mass.~~ New York City.

My Dear Brother,

~~Rev.d & Dear Sir,~~

Yours of the 20th ~~Your favor of the 20th inst.~~ inst. was rec.d today. ~~was not a little cheering to me, & I thank you for these~~ Nothing has yet been done ~~manifesting your interest~~ [illegible] ~~resolutions of the [illegible]~~ doubt [illegible] your feelings; still in the [illegible] ~~tive to the [illegible]~~ [illegible] necessarily [illegible] [illegible] nothing either [illegible] ~~It will be another cheering [illegible]~~ [illegible]: [illegible] [illegible]. We [illegible], if [illegible] at [illegible] ~~constly [illegible]~~ the [illegible] [illegible] to a meeting [illegible] [illegible], I do not [illegible] [illegible] why [illegible] were [illegible] ~~for raising funds; but in the present [illegible] [illegible]~~ [illegible] [illegible] feeling in the community, — at least in R. [illegible], with the movements of God's providence [illegible] — there is no doubt a call for special means of moving the public mind. If such a meeting should

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Missionary House, Boston,

Feb. 22. 1841.

Rev. John Nelson,

Leicester, Mass.

Rev. & dear Sir,

Your favor of the 20th inst. was not a little cheering to us, & I thank you for these manifesting your interest. We could not doubt indeed as to your feelings; still in this imperfect state we necessarily walk a good deal by sight.

It will be another cheering fact of no small magnitude & promise, if the brethren at Worcester, etc. comply with your proposal in relation to a meeting. No spasmodic measures are desired; nothing that will not give increased energy to our existing system for raising funds; but in the present partially paralized state of benevolent feeling in the community,— at least in comparison with the movements of God's providence & grace abroad— there is no doubt a call for special means of moving the public mind. If such a meeting should to hold their large [illegible] meetings, one or more of us will aim to attend. Why should we not make some use of the methods of calling attention to great facts, which men of the world lately found so effectual? Is the election of this or that man President of the U.S., of more importance than the momentous question in relation to our benevolent operations, generally, that now seems to be involved & pending in the case of our foreign missions?

Those who know Mr. C., while they speak highly of him, express a doubt whether he has just those peculiar qualities which are requisite to success in an agent.

In much haste, but very respectfully
& truly yours,
R. Anderson
Feb. 22. 52.

Mission House, Boston, 22d Sept. 1861.

Mr. Kellogg Day,
Sheffield, Ohio

Dear Sir,

On the 10th of August I wrote you that [illegible] probably [illegible] depend upon the day appointed [illegible] [illegible] of the Board. The letter was directed to Eden, Erie co., N.Y., agreeably to your directions in the letter. A few days since your letter of the [illegible] came to hand, informing me that you had not received mine, & were remaining in suspense as to the result of your case. This I regret, and trust that long before this you have had mine forwarded to you.

The pressing business connected with the annual meeting of the Board, though the meeting is already past, is still occupying so much time that I am compelled to your welwrite briefly; but I hope to be able to write you on various topics before you start for Dwight, which I think had better be postponed till next month. We have one or two female teachers who will wish to go from Cincinnati in your company, who cannot probably meet you there till some time in the first half of that month. You will have seasonable information.

Miss Stetson was here in August, went to Maine, and is expected to be here again soon. Her health is pretty good.

As yet we have found no help for Dwight, on the farm, or to take the boys out of school. Thoroughly good men are not easily to be found for such places.

You will not probably need a large or expensive outfit at such a station as Dwight, where so many things have been accumulating. Whatever is essential to your usefice and usefulness, it will of course be best for you to take. When you learn what more is requisite for you to have for the training please inform me, and we will make arrangements for you to obtain it. A draft on a bank in Cleveland, I presume, will be easily cashed.

Very truly yours,

D. Greene

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Missionary House Bos.

23 Oct. 1840.

Rev. William Hall

Alleghany.

Dear Sir,

Your favors of August 24 & 30 are received. Considerable portions of them you will see in the Herald for November & December. It would give me much pleasure if time were at my command to write you at some length respecting the interests of your mission; but the multiplicity of labors of a pressing nature which come upon such ~~thirst~~ now quite forbid. If your letters, therefore, are [illegible] and acknowledged [illegible] brief manner, you must ascribe it to other causes than [illegible]

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of interest in your situation and labors. May your prayers [illegible] spirit of the Lord may be with you in your daily ministrations, giving them all efficacy [illegible] and [illegible] for their souls & persevering labor [illegible] patience in winning them to Christ. May the power and grace of God be [illegible] displayed all around you. [illegible] The Committee voted to allow [illegible] forty toward purchasing [illegible] hoping that it [illegible] has been received, you would be [illegible] accommodate yourself in [illegible] a foreign dispensary.

Very truly yours

D. Greene

of interest in your situation and labors. My prayer is that the Spirit of the Lord may be with you in your daily ministrations, giving them all efficacy to the salvation and holy living of all your people. You need much faith & patience, much love for their souls & persevering diligence in winning them to Christ. May the power and grace of God be soon displayed all around you.

The Committee voted to allow you $40 (forty) toward purchasing the Commission house, hoping that with that sum & the $ you had received, you would be able in some manner to accommodate yourself in this time of our deficiency.

Very truly yours.

D. Greene

Mr. W. L. Thomas
Utica, N.Y.

Dear Sir,

The information which your letter of the 12th communicates, I was very sorry to receive. Still I am not greatly surprised at it. From the time I first saw Mrs. James, it appeared to me quite doubtful whether she would be able to bear up under the various exposures and hardships incident to a missionary life in the vicinity of the northern lakes. The plain and express [illegible] of your wife, & [illegible] the Committee, are in the ~~providence of God~~ that, unless wife providence has called for the present at least. This [illegible] specially respect [illegible] labors were [illegible] in [illegible] of your [illegible], and the difficulty of [illegible] theolog- [illegible] as for the [illegible]

Of course, I have very few adequate means of judging what your duty is, & what course you had better adopt. The Committee to whom your letter has been submitted, possess no better means of forming an opinion than I do. [illegible] considering the [illegible] at Utica, while your wife was [illegible] last [illegible] whether [illegible] not tried to [illegible] also [illegible] you are then back among [illegible] must re- [illegible] few months, [illegible] what your views [illegible] that, unless [illegible] point [illegible] sphere [illegible] of your labors [illegible] the suspense. With your feelings as they were last spring, with your wife's

Of course, I have very inadequate means of judging what your duty is, & what course you had better adopt. The Committee to whom your letter has been submitted, possess no better means of forming an opinion, than I do. Considering the doubts which you had, when at Utica, while on your way to the mission, last Spring, whether you ought not still to study for the ministry, & considering also how soon you are thrown back among your friends, where you must remain some six or eight months, it occurs to me, without knowing what your present views are on the subject, that, unless your mind is fully settled on the point of ~~[illegible]~~ continuing in your present sphere of labor, you had better make up your mind at once to complete your theological education, and remain no longer in suspense. With your feelings as they were last Spring, & with your wife's health as you represent it, it seems to me that there is little prospect that you would for any length of time, prosecute your missionary labor happily & efficiently. On this subject you can form a better opinion when you get your father's ~~opin~~ medical advice.

I do not know that we here have any suggestions to make that can be of much use to you. We presume you will be able to get along without expense to the Board. We shall be glad to learn the result of your own deliberations respecting your future course, and the prospects relative to Mrs. James's health. Our desire & trust are that the Lord will open for you such a field of usefulness, wherever you may be, as will enable you to do most for his cause & glory.

Please give my Christian regards to Mrs. James, & believe me very truly yours

David Greene

Missionary Hse. Boston,
29 Feb. 1841.

Mr. Marcus B. Pierce
Near Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 23d came to hand this morning, and I am very sorry to learn that any misunderstanding has arisen between yourself & Mr. Van Duzee. As he has written nothing to me on the subject, & I have no information from any other quarter, except your letter, I cannot be supposed to be fully acquainted with all the circumstances and reasons, as they stood, leading him [illegible] for taking the course which he did, in relation to the school there and your case; and so I ought not to decide upon them [illegible] having opportunity to &c.

Very truly yours,
D. Greene.

speak in explanation & defence, & censure his conduct or express any opinion on the subject. I do not mean by this question the correctness of your statement of the case or the propriety of your writing upon it.

I can hardly suppose, however, that if you have a friendly interview with Mr. Van Dusen & Mr. Wright, and talk over the whole matter, you will not find them disposed to do what is just and fair in regard to your school. Of course, in expending the money of the Board allowed them for schools, they must expend it in the manner and where it seems to them most likely to do good; always regarding their pledges & contracts. If you have the proposed conference with them, & it should not result satisfactorily to yourself, I presume they will write me fully on the subject, when I shall be better able to give the opinion of the Committee than I am now.

Very truly yours D. Greene.

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3d Nov. 1841.

Mr. N. T. Strong,
Cattaraugus, N.Y.

Dear Sir,

The letter signed by yourself & others, bearing date 28th Oct. came to hand this morning. How to reply to it in any manner which I could hope to be satisfactory, I am quite at a loss. To communicate to you all the instructions which have been given to Mr. Wright, would require me to examine all that has been written him during more than nine years, together with numerous conversations which have been held with him relative to his labors: for in all these letters & conversations

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there has been more or less of instruction or counsel. [illegible] information which you [illegible] object, & the [illegible] which you desire my reply to. I might, should I attempt to meet your wishes, write on matters entirely inappropriate [illegible] comply with your request, unless you inform me more fully on what points you wish me to write. If you have any [illegible] to [illegible] Mr. Wright, you are at liberty to state freely what it is, and your statements will receive a respectful consideration from the Prudential Committee. [illegible] the result [illegible] yourself and of our brethren who signed the letter [illegible]

I am [illegible]

D. Greene
A.B.C.F.M.

there has been in more or less of instruction or counsel. With the little information which you give as to your object, or the points to which you desire my reply to be directed, I might, should I attempt to meet your wishes, write on matters entirely inappropriate. You must, therefore, permit me to decline complying with your request, until you inform me more fully on what points you wish me to write.

If you have any fault to find with Mr. Wright, you are at liberty to state freely what it is, and your statements will receive a respectful consideration from the Prudential Committee, & the result I shall be happy to communicate to you.

With kind regards to yourself and your brethren who signed the letter,

I am truly yours

David Greene

Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Missionary House, Boston,
3d Nov. 1841.

Mr. Edmund F. Ely,
Pokegama

My Dear Sir,

Yours of August 26th came to hand a week since and was yesterday submitted to the Prudential Committee. The case of your wife's father is somewhat of a perplexing one. But, as you say, it is clear that he must remain with you till Spring, unless his sons shall make provision for him. Perhaps in the course of the winter Providence may open some way by which you may be relieved of the embarrassment. His sons may feel differently, he may himself become a new man, & the principal objection to his remaining with you be thus removed, or some other door may be opened. Should things remain as they are, till Spring, & should he be likely still to be on your hands, exerting an un-

unfavorable influence in your family & on the Indians around, & at the same time a considerable burden to the mission in the way of expense, it would of course be important that he should such be removed. You must, in such a case, act according as your own views of duty & those of Mr. Ely shall dictate. Perhaps the Lord has sent him into your family as the place where he designs to show him mercy. At least you will, I doubt not, hope & labor that such may be the result.

Please say to Mr. Ayer that his account of the attack of the War party on Pokegama has come to hand, & I would write him now, were I not greatly pressed with other labors. I fully approve plan which he proposes for himself and Mr. Boutwell, & hope in their efforts to keep with the Indians ~~or~~ visit them in their wanderings, they will be able, by the aid of the Spirit of God, to preserve them from falling into sin, & to comfort them amid their disappointments. There is some hope that the operation of the Sioux treaty may be such as to prevent the recurrence of similar evils in future. Such incursions are a terrible calamity both to the Indians, by the anxiety & disappointment which it occasions, & the evil passions it calls into action; & to the mission, by frustrating their plans, & almost blotting out their labors. But nothing, except the gospel will be likely effectually to cure the evil.

With Christian regard to yourself & wife & all your associates in labor, I remain very truly yours

David Greene

Missionary House, Boston;
3 Nov. 1841.

Mrs. M. T. B. Smith,
Alton, Ill.

Dear Madam

Your favor of the 10th Sept. came to hand 29 Oct. with the note of Mr. Hitchcock. By my last I did not intend to censure you at all, or to imply that any one was in fault in regard to the term for which you engaged in the missionary work. There was a misunderstanding, or rather an omission; but as your health is such as to require you to relinquish the employment, the result is probably the same as it would have been, had you gone into the work without any limitation of the period, even in your own mind

At their meeting yesterday the Committee complied with your request and voted to release you from further obligations to the Board as a missionary teacher.

Our desire and prayer is that the blessing of the Lord may rest on you in the new relation into which you have entered, & that both yourself & husband may have the happiness which flows from faithfully serving Christ, and cherishing the hopes of the gospel.

With Christian regard to yourself & Mr. Smith,

I remain very truly yours
in the gospel.

David Greene
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Missionary House, Boston,
Nov. 5. 1841.

Rev. Dyer Ball,
Singapore,

My Dear Brother,

I received yours by the 'Huntress' of June 14th two days since. We regret to learn of Mrs. Ball's illness. I earnestly hope you will ~~[illegible]~~ have found your visit to Macao beneficial. Thinking it possible you may not have returned when the 'Jacob Parker' arrives, I have addressed the public letters to Mr. North, or, to be as sure as possible, Mr. Dickinson. Your letter was in several respects very gratifying. But I must close with desiring affectionate remembrance to

Mrs. Ball, assurances that I am,
as ever, most truly yours,

R. Anderson,

Bt. M. G.

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Missionary House, Boston,
17 Nov. 1841.

Mr. C. C. Copeland,
West Dover, Vt.

Dear Sir,

Yesterday your favor
Nov. 6. & that of Prof. Potter, were laid before the
ommittee, & they, with some hesitation, decided
f favor of your going forward to join the mis-
n, with the hope that you might have
strength adequate to the labors before you.

It will probably be desirable for you to
be here as soon as the 20th, and to make
ready for your departure as soon as prac-
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shall close. Even then you may be too late
n that route. Your articles of outfit can
 provided & packed easily in three or four
ys. Probably the most of them had better go by
way of New Orleans, with the goods we shall
a month or two send to the Choctaw mission.
We will talk about the outfit when you
rrive here.

Please let me know as early as
practicable after receiving this, whether you
can be here as soon as mentioned above.

We have two female teachers who will probably be ready to go on in your company, – one for the Choctaws, & the other, a veteran of 20 years service, who is returning to the Cherokees, after a visit to her friends. On this account it is desirable to know as early as possible when the time of starting will be.

I am obliged to write in great haste.

Very truly yours,

D. Greene.

Miss A[illegible]

Jerome H[illegible]

Dear [illegible]

Your favor of the 26th ult. ca[illegible] laid before the Prudential [illegible] to comply with your request, & give a release from further obligations to the Board. The Committee have ever entertained a very favorable opinion of your love for the missionary work, of your labor & zeal in prosecuting it, and they have no doubt of your disposition to continue in it, did your own health & the providence of God permit.

They see no cause to disapprove of your leaving the station last fall as you did. Mr. Wright informed me of it and the occasion.

Our prayer is that the Lord will yet give you health & strength to serve him in the sphere where you can best honor him. – I write in much haste.

Very sincerely yours in Christ.

D. Greene.

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Missionary House. Boston;
10 November. 1841

Miss Asenath Bishop,
Terre Haute, Vigo co. Ia.

Dear Madam,

Your favor of the 26th Oct. came duly to hand & was yesterday laid before the Prudential Committee. They voted to comply with your request, & give you a release from further obligations to the Board. The Committee have ever entertained a very favorable opinion of your love for the missionary work & your labor & zeal in prosecuting it, and they have no doubt of your disposition to continue in it, did your own health & the providence of God permit.

They see no cause to disapprove of your leaving the station last fall as you did. Mr. Wright informed me of it and the occasion.

Our prayer is that the Lord will yet give you health & strength to serve him in the sphere where you can best honor him. — I write in great haste.

Very sincerely yours in Christ.
D. Greene.

Missionary House, Boston, 17 Nov. 18[illegible]

Miss Ellen Stetson,
Medford, Mass.

Dear Madam,

At the meeting of the Committee yesterday, your letter of the 13th was laid before them, and they voted to authorize your returning to the Cherokee country in connection with the mission, with the expectation that you will be able to engage in teaching a small private school, in the manner you mention in your letter.

A Mr. Copeland, who is going to the Choctaw country as teacher, is expected here about the 20th. We also expect a Miss Arms from Conway, who goes to the same mission with the ~~[illegible]~~ purpose of residing in Mr. Kingsbury's family as a teacher, will accompany you on the journey. It is to be hoped that all may get away in the course of next week; but there may be causes for delaying a little longer.

As the travelling to Pittsburg by the canal will probably be prevented by the

Mr. Christ[illegible] [illegible] C. C. Copeland, a missionary teacher for the Choctaws, [illegible] than twenty years a teacher among the Cherokees, who has spent the [illegible] New England, are expected to leave here about the close of next week, or early the week after, to proceed to their field of labor. If your daughter can be ready at that time, or any time ~~during~~ before the close of the month, we should be desirous that she would accompany them. Miss Stetson is quite a veteran in the missionary work, now between fifty & sixty years old, and will be an interesting travelling companion. They would all go on in company to Little Rock on the Arkansas river, where Mr. C. & your daughter would proba-bly wait till some conveyance should be sent from the Choctaw mission & take them [illegible]

coming on winter, & the staging by that route or Wheeling is so ~~tir~~ fatiguing, & withal expensive, it may be best to go by packet to New Orleans, either from Boston or New York. But about this we will make further inquiries, & learn, if possible what is best. When I can get the time of starting better determined, I will inform you.

In much haste but very respectfully
yours,
D. Greene

Missionary House, Boston,
17 Nov. 185[illegible]

Mr. Christopher Arms
Conway, Mass.

Dear Sir,

Two persons, Mr. C. C. Copeland, a missionary teacher for the Choctaws, & Miss Stetson, who has been more than twenty years a teacher among the Cherokees, & who has spent the summer in New England, are expected to leave here about the close of next week or early the week after, to proceed to their field of labor. If your daughter can be ready at that time, or any time before the close of the month, we should be desirous that she were to accompany them. Miss Stetson is quite a veteran in the missionary work, now between fifty & sixty years old, and will be an interesting travelling companion. They would all go on in company to Little Rock on the Arkansas river, where Mr. C. & your daughter would proba-

bly wait till some conveyance should be sent from the Choctaw mission to take them to the place of their [illegible] Miss Stetson would continue on [illegible] to Dwight. [illegible] the canals through Pennsylvania [illegible] likely to be closed up by ice, it may be [illegible], to take packet to New Orleans. On this [illegible] make [illegible] depart[illegible] [illegible] gage, if [illegible] be [illegible] go by [illegible] this [illegible] probably [illegible] is for [illegible] with [illegible] come [illegible] can [illegible] at least, [illegible]

Yours [illegible]
Very respectfully yours
S. B. Treat

bly wait till some conveyance should be sent from the Choctaw mission to take them to the place of their destination; while Miss Stetson would continue on board the Boat to Dwight. As the canals through Pennsylvania are likely to be closed up by ice, it may be best to take packet to New-Orleans. On this point I will make further inquiry, before the time of departure shall arrive.

If your daughter has purchases to make before starting, they can be made here in a few days. Her baggage, if she goes by packet, can of course be taken with her; but if she should go by way of Pittsburg & Wheeling, & down the Ohio all but a trunk or two should probably be left to be sent on with the supplies for the mission, which will go in a month or two.

Please write me as early as convenient & say how soon your daughter can be here.

Very respectfully & truly yours.

David Greene

Missionary House. Boston,
29 Nov. 1841.

Miss Ellen Stetson,
Medford.

Dear Madame, Mr. Copeland is now here, and Miss Arms is expected to arrive on Wednesday. As soon after that as a vessel shall sail, furnishing a suitable conveyance, it will probably be expedient for yourself and those accompanying you to embark. It may probably be from Thursday to Saturday, should the weather & wind permit. If you have any arrangements to make here, requiring time, you had better come into the city tomorrow or next day. And it is desirable, at latest, that you should come early on Thursday.

Very respectfully yours, D. Greene.

Missionary House. Boston

30 Nov 1841.

Rev. Cyrus Kingsbury,

Choctaw Mission.

My Dear Sir,

The joint letter of yourself & Mr. Hotchkin came to hand of Sept. 14th. Such intelligence in respect to your labors & the blessing with which the Lord is crowning them, you may well suppose, gives the Committee great pleasure. We are glad to learn that the Lord is returning again your captivity; and after a long period of discouragement and hindrance, from various causes over which neither you nor the Committee could have control, the Lord is again giving you favor among the Indians, healing their divisions, reclaiming them from their dissipations and misapprehension [illegible] giving them an ear to listen to your messages from his word. We rejoice in all this as a display of God's power & grace, as the dawning of salvation on some scores of the Choctaws, and not a little because it must be so cheering to the spirits of yourself & your brethren, who have been diligently laboring for so long a time with so little present fruit, & perhaps almost as little hope for the future. Our hope & prayer is that the day ~~that~~ has dawned upon you may be as long as the night which is passing off, & as bright as that was dark.

We are sending to your help Miss Arms, from Conway, in this State, who has been appointed to reside in your family. The application was made by ~~&~~ Mrs. Kingsbury through a Miss White of Ashfield, by whom Miss Arms was found and recommended to the Committee. Her parents are highly respectable, & she is, in all respects, we suppose, well educated, and likely to be highly useful as a teacher & pleasant as an inmate of the family.

In company with Miss Arms goes Mr. C. C. Copeland, who may, perhaps, take the place of Mr. Jones. As to his location the brethren must decide. If that place is too sickly, & his health would be likely soon to break down there, while other fields are open promising equal usefulness, he had better go somewhere else. If he gets one of the government ~~sch~~ schools, provided he has full scope for exerting himself as a Christian teacher, it is all the better.

With Christian regard to Mrs. Kingsbury, I remain respectfully yours,
D. Greene.

30 Nov. 1849.

Rev. Alfred Wright
Choctaw Mission.

My Dear Sir,

Your favors of July 14 & Aug. 24 came duly to hand, and with the letter came the [illegible] of Matthew in two packages, one charged $1.82 & the other $7 - postage. We regret that you did not send them [illegible] through some [illegible] at Washington, with a letter stating what they contained and the object, and suppose that you [illegible] that they might be [illegible] [illegible] wanted [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] the Commissioner for Indian affairs, [illegible] of [illegible] of another State, would cheerfully do this, [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] with the government [illegible] in behalf of the Indians [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] they [illegible] may have [illegible] forward, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] directions [illegible] [illegible]

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ion as the whole enclosed in an outside envelope addressed to Hon Danl Webster, Hon Rufus Choate, Hon John C. Bates, Messieurs [illegible] of Indian affairs, with a [illegible] information, & the request [illegible] will come free [illegible]. It would [illegible], would not be [illegible] any trespass on the atten- information of either [illegible] Mr Choate [illegible] packages [illegible] manu- [illegible] and [illegible] able, & [illegible] same [illegible] and [illegible] sancti- [illegible] make [illegible] their conn [illegible] over [illegible] able blend [illegible] this ca-the whole, inclosed in an outside envelope to Hon Danl Webster, Hon Rufus Choate, Hon. John C. Bates, or the Commissioner of Indian affairs, with a line of explanation, & the proper request, & then it will come free of expense. It would not be, & would not be regarded as being any trespass on the attention of either of these gentlemen. Mr Choate tells me he would frank such packages with great pleasure.

We shall soon put the manuscript into the hands of the printer and get it through as soon as practicable, & publish it before spring.

It gives us great pleasure that you & your associates are able to give so interesting an account of your labors among the Choctaws, & the results. May the same Spirit that we hope has awakened and renewed so many souls, guide and sanctify them, keep them from falling, and make them lights & examples among their countrymen, & a comfort to those who won them in the Lord. David Greene

P.S. The Committee are not able to send [illegible] of a reinforcement this sea-soon as they desired. Mr. Copeland and Miss ~~Arms~~ Arms are about starting & will, we hope, reach you safely, and and be found useful fellow laborers. The one may probably occupy the place ~~of~~ lately left vacant by Mr. Jones, & ~~the other goes~~ to the family of Mr. Kingsbury. We wish we were able to find ~~two~~ good ordained missionaries for you. The Committee would gladly send them, & as many more to the Cherokees. But after taking a good deal of pains, writing & inquiring, we cannot find the men you need, who are willing to engage in such labors. We hope the Lord may long spare the life and strength of those now labor-ing among the Choctaws, and graciously teach them that it is as easy for him to save by few as by many, and to rejoice the more, the more they see his love and power displayed in their trials, privations and almost despondency.

With Christian regards to Mrs. Wright

I remain very respectfully & truly yours,

David Greene

P.S. As you have taken so much pains to save me from blunders in your copy, I will do all that my time will permit to make ~~them~~ both correct.

D.G.

Missionary House, Boston,
30 Nov. 1861.

Rev. Ebenezer Hotchkin,
Choctaw Mission.

My Dear Sir,

Your note to me on your sheet to Mr. Hill, as also your joint letter with Mr. Kingsbury, came duly to hand. The recent letters from the Choctaw country have all been of a character to give us much pleasure in reading them, as I am sure it must have afforded you great pleasure to communicate such intelligence. And we cannot but hope that the scenes which you & your brethren have passed through the last year will refresh your souls, and enable you to go on with your labors for years to come with more cheerfulness and hope than you have some time past. Considering the situation & circumstances of the Choctaws in all respects, I suppose they were never, on the whole, in a more favorable situation than now for being influenced &

benefitted by the use of appropriate means for their religious and social improvement. Why may we not hope that a better day for them is coming on, & why not labor with the faith & courage which such a state of things, in connection with the promises of God to faithful effort, should inspire? The Churches also are obviously getting into a better state as to their public affairs and as to their feelings, and we cannot but hope that the brethren there, who have for the last ten years labored in almost hopeless discouragement, & amid peculiar perplexities, may soon see that they & the people for whom they labor, and the churches there organized are not altogether abandoned of God. The fact that their most important station at Dwight remains destitute of a regular preacher & pastor, for the single reason that no one can be found to supply it, is much against them, & highly unfavorable to the general usefulness & influence of the station.

All the reinforcements which the Committee are able this season to obtain [illegible] to your Mission [illegible] male & a female

Mr. Copeland & Miss Arms, by whom I send this. The Committee would be glad to send you two preachers, if they could find suitable men.

When I call to mind what the Lord has done for the missions of the Board since 1836, when its pecuniary embarrassments commenced, especially at the Sandwich Islands, among the Armenians at Constantinople, & the Nestorians of Persia, & the Choctaws, — and this too at a time when the need of more laborers & greater pecuniary allowances was most deeply felt, it seems as though he was making our times of weakness and insufficiency, the times when he would most display his power and grace. If he brings us into straits, teaching us our own impotence, and inclining us to depend more on his Spirit, and all that we may be in a fitter state to receive his blessings, we must not complain, but rather rejoice & let him work by us or without us, as seems good to him. Let our daily prayer still be that all the world may speedily, in his own way, converted to God.

With Christian regards to Mrs. Hotchkin
I remain very truly yours. David Greene

Missionary House. Boston,
30 Nov. 1861.

Rev. Cyrus Byington,
Choctaw Mission.

My Dear Sir,

Yours of the 4 Aug. came to hand Sept. 2. For the last three months other business, other correspondence has been thrown upon me to a greater amount than at any former period. & I believe that more letters have accumulated & remain unanswered than at any time for fifteen years & more past. You are well aware, from your own experience, how unpleasant it is to see work accumulating around you, which is important, and urgently demands immediate attention, much of which must still be left undone & postponed because you have not time & strength to do it. Such has been my daily experience for months past, especially. But the more I labor in the cause of Christ is laid upon us, if we are competent to its performance, the better, & the more are we honored. Indeed so, I doubt not, you & your brethren feel in your labors among the Choctaws; and while you pray & call for laborers to reap the harvest that is ripe around you, you have no objections, if God so orders it, to gather it all in yourselves. Perhaps this is his will. By the November Herald you have seen, from what was communicated of the subject at the annual meeting of the Board, how difficult we find it to obtain laborers for any of the Indian missions. All that we have been able to obtain for your mission is one male & one female teacher. The former, Mr. Copeland, though unmarried, may perhaps take the place of Mr. Jones, & keep that place is thought to be too unhealthy, or some other field promises greater usefulness. We trust that he will be a good, industrious, & discreet man, though perhaps not quite communicative enough for a teacher of Indians.

The female teacher, Miss Avery, is expected to reside in the family Mr. Kingsbury, and aid Mrs. K. in her school.

The Committee would send a preacher or two if they could obtain suitable men. Even Dwight must ~~be~~ remain destitute for the simple reason that we can find no one to send there. But this story I have written you so often that you will be weary of it. — You must not despair nor think yourself wholly deserted while the Lord is making your labors result in the salvation of souls, as he has done the last year. ~~But~~ Perhaps in your weakness he will the more display his strength.

With Christian regards to Mrs. B. I remain
very truly yours. David Greene

Missionary House, Boston,
30 Nov. 1844.

Rev. Jared Olmstead,
Choctaw Mission.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 14 Sept. came to hand Oct. 19th. I send this by Mr. Copeland who is to start for the Choctaw country in a few days, to labor in the schools with yourself & your brethren, and may possibly take the place vacated by Mr. Jones unless ~~that~~ it should be deemed best [illegible] [illegible] at some other place, which promises more usefulness.

In respect to your engaging in a public school for the government, I would say that I see no objection, but, so long as those schools are managed by the government.

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as not to interfere with your giving to them that Christian character which should belong to a Missionary school. At present we have no reason to suppose that ~~any~~ your own judgment or the dictates of Christian feeling will be in any manner interfered with by the government agents. On the contrary, those persons filling those offices seem to possess feelings in this respect coincident with those of the Missionaries.

The furniture for which you wrote and the articles will be forwarded, or rather, are on the way to you.

In regard to the place of your labors, your connection with the government schools, or the manner and kind of labor in which you can be most usefully employed, you will always find Messrs Kingsbury & Wright very disinterested & judicious, as well as competent advisers, and the Committee trust that you will consult them freely, and give its proper weight to their advice in all your movements.

Some young missionary laborers, when they have obtained a license to preach, have soon come to feel that teaching school, & much more manual labor of any kind, was unbecoming, & almost a desecration of their [illegible]. I trust it will not be so with you. As your licensure will increase your usefulness, we shall be glad that you have it, though the Committee suppose that teaching will still be your chief regular employment.

With Christian regards to Mrs. O.
I remain very truly yours.
D. Greene.

Missionary House. Boston;
2 Decr 1841.

Miss Ellen Stetson;
Medford Mass.

Dear Madam,

Some days
since I wrote you, directing the letter to
the care of your brother, mentioning
that Miss Arms was expected to arrive
here on Wednesday evening, & that your
company would sail as soon after that
as a suitable vessel could be found
to take them. Miss Arms arrived
last evening, and is ready to embark. A
good vessel is now loading and is ex-
pected to sail on Monday morning next,
wind & weather permitting. We have
made arrangements to have your company
go in that vessel. The accommodations
are good, & the captain & owners such
as promise a pleasant passage. What
hour the vessel will sail I cannot now
say: probably, should the weather and
tide be favorable, it quite early,

soon, so as to make it necessary to have all the arrangements made on Saturday. We shall, of course, expect to see you on that day.

As you called at my room on Tuesday, when I was engaged with the Committee, I infer that you were not at Medford when my letter reached there, and that you probably found it when you returned there.

Very respectfully & truly yours
in the Gospel,
D. Greene.

P.S. Miss Williams expresses much desire to see you, probably with reference to some points respecting outfit, about which she may wish to confer with you; & if you could conveniently be here so as to see her early on Saturday, it might be gratifying & useful to her.

D.G.

Missionary House, Boston,
3 Decr.

Rev. S. A. Worcester
Cherokee Mission.

My dear Sir,

Your favors of Aug. 4 & Oct. 8th have come to hand. Your [illegible] first, containing an account of the [illegible] was received Nov. 9th, the day after the meeting of the Board commenced at Philadelphia, so that even the abstract of the Report, published in the Herald contained none of the information which [illegible] to you forwarded. [illegible] reports of the Cherokee mission, last year & [illegible] they and both those of [illegible] relation to that mission had to be re-written [illegible] I was [illegible] for the approaching meeting, in order to make it conform to the actual state of feeling of the mission, as shown by the latest [illegible] documents. It is very desirable that the [illegible] reports from all the missions should reach us as early as the [illegible]

The annual meeting of the Board [illegible] hope that a new feeling of individual responsibility was awakened in the bosoms of many of the ministers present, & by the publication of the proceedings, in the bosoms of many friends of missions in all parts of the country. To the circular issued soon after the meeting responses are coming in daily of a very encouraging character; and the receipts for October were nearly as great as were ever before received in one month, & those for November are considerably greater than were ever before received, being over $40,000. We can hardly expect that they will keep up even to $30,000 a month through the year, but we hope that the aggregate will not fall below $300,000.

What we are to do to keep up an interest in the Foreign missions, I do not know. The subject was brought before the Board as you will see, and a very correct feeling seemed to prevail there, but I fear it will do very little so far as enlisting missionary candidates for Indian missions is concerned. We cannot yet persuade any missionary to go to Dwight. Some correspondence has been had with your brother at St. Petersburg, but as he has written me nothing of late, I infer that he has abandoned the project. Probably the state of his wife's health was such as to dissuade him. You & your brethren must make the best arrangement you can for ~~getting~~ the furnishing preaching & pastoral care, while the station remains destitute of a missionary.

The little society of brethren at Andover, about which you inquire, still exists, though just at this time it is reduced to three members, none having yet been received from the two lower classes.

How the mistake which you mention in the list of Christian books occurred I cannot say, unless it was in some such manner as you suppose. Should we publish another, we will endeavor to have it correct.

Your letter to Mr. Brigham has been forwarded.

I send this letter by Miss Stetson who is returning to join the mission, with the expectation, however, of ~~her~~ living in the family of Mr. Milton, & with little or no expense to the mission.

With Christian regards to Mrs. [illegible].

I remain very truly yours. D. Greene.

Missionary House. [illegible]

3 Dec 1841.

Mr. Jacob Hitchcock

Dwight.

My Dear Sir,

I am sorry that Miss Stetson does not return to you accompanied by a preacher and a female teacher. As to the former I have nothing to say but the old story, that we cannot find a suitable man. Still we do not despair, though we know not where to look. A teacher was appointed & supposed that all was safe till about six weeks since when she was invited by a missionary going to Western Asia to accompany him as a wife. Her heart obviously went that way, & we therefore had to consent. We then applied to another, who was said to be ~~trained~~ ready, who after a while declined. Then I wrote to another

he was also supposed to be ready; but
she was found to have family hin-
drances at this time, which prevented
her going & thus it was too late to
secure another before this company
starts, who are waiting. If practi-
cable we will fix one in the
course of the winter. I should hope
that Mrs. Dodge & Mrs. Day would be
able to render Miss Moore some
assistance either in school or out,
which will enable her to go on for
a while. Perhaps Miss Stetson may
take hold again in this company.

You must make the best arrange-
ment you can. She & you & the
brethren must do in respect to the
boys out of school. After no little cor-
respondence and inquiry, we have been
able to find no person who seems to be
qualified and disposed to engage in the
work. Mr Day has also been inquiring

and looking about among his acquain-
tances, but has not succeeded in satis-
fying himself, except in the case of one
man, whom he would by no means have
go, because he was, as your brethren said
of Mr. Day, an Oberlinite! — Here let me
remark that two ~~be~~ very undesirable
things have occurred in the case of Mr.
D. 1 That letters should have been writ-
ten from yourself & to your brethren, which
from their tenor must necessarily:
if his other testimonials are good, have
his appointment; & then other letters
be written from the brethren which
must necessarily lead to revoking that appoint-
ment: thus placing the Committee in a very un-
pleasant predicament. — and 2. That you
& your brethren should have formed the mis-
taken opinion of him, which should have
lead you to adopt such a course. The case
has ~~led to~~ been very trying to his feelings &
those of his friend, & to the Committee; and if
much care & Christian kindness are not mu-
tually exercised, it may lead to some wrong
feeling in the family.. This, I trust, the good
nature of you all, & the Spirit of the Lord will en-
able you to avoid.

Very truly yours in the gospel,

D. Greene

Missionary House. Boston;
3d Nov. 1841.

Doct. R. L. Dodge.
Dwight Mission.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of July 25th, 1841, did not reach me till Sept. 30. & constant occupation with other pressing labors has prevented me from replying to it till this time.

The Medical Journal was stopped because Mr. Washburn was about leaving at that time, & it was then thought to be doubtful whether you would remain at the Station; and to tell the truth, I did not know till your letter arrived, whether you regarded yourself as a member of the mission, or were at Dwight for the [illegible] previous, or not. If the journal in question will be of service to the mission, we will send it beginning with January.

As to a minister for the Church & congregation at Dwight, I do not know when we shall find one. As enquiring wherever there was a prospect of success, we find none. As to a teacher for the ~~girls~~ ~~for~~ girls school we have failed too, though we shall hope to find one to go by the next suitable opportunity, though we fear it will not be this winter.

Miss Stetson is just starting on her return, & will I presume deliver this.

I very much regret that the mission brethren should have got such an impression as they have respecting Mr. Day as embracing the doctrines of Oberlin, relative to perfection, or any ~~oth~~ of their other peculiarities. I have no doubt ~~that~~ it is an entire mistake; while it has caused us & him no little trouble & unpleasant feeling. To the ~~brethren~~ Oberlin peculiarities he is fully and strongly opposed, if he and his most intimate friends in Ohio give the correct account of him. Of this I presume he will convince yourself. I cannot but hope that he will be a useful man at the station.

It would give me great pleasure to visit the missions in your quarter, if my circumstances here would permit. And at present there seem to be insuperable obstacles in the way.

I hope you will at an early day send some account of your labors among the Indians, and what your prospects & encouragements are.

Very truly yours,

D. Greene.

P.S. If no teacher should be sent for the girls school this winter we should hope that Miss Moore aided by such help as Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Day, & Miss Stetson, should she remain at Dwight, could give, will be able to get along; though we are aware that one teacher, wholly devoted to the school would be much better.

D. G.

Missionary House. Boston,
3 Dec. 1841.

Rev. Danl S. Butrick
Cherokee Mission

My Dear Sir,

Your favor of July 16th came duly to hand. I regret that constant pressure of business since it was received has kept me so long from replying to it. From your letter I infer that you find on inquiry that the opinion I expressed relating to the preferences of the brethren of the mission in regard to ~~an~~ business meetings of the Mission is correct; & that the brethren, as the mission is now constituted, prefer, each one to attend to the affairs of his own station, responsible directly to the Committee. There are doubtless some evils attending this course, & there are probably some advantages, which may be great enough to outweigh them, or even more.

On the case of Mr. Steiner I hardly know what to say. The Committee cannot act on the case very intelligently without knowing more than we are able [illegible] is [illegible] may not be aware of all the circumstances.

If he can teach well and acceptably to his people, & is a good interpreter, & withal is disposed to devote himself earnestly to the promotion of the missionary work, then the Committee would think, if there is nothing in character or conduct to prevent, that he should be employed, & they would hope that, out of love to the religious welfare of his people, he would be willing to labor for a compensation which should amount to little more than a comfortable support, on the same principle that Messrs Hall & Freeman do; & this Mr. Steiner might with the more propriety do as he has no family dependent on him, as both those brethren have. Before this reaches you, you will probably have made sufficient trial of him to learn how valuable to you he ~~is~~ is likely to be, and after conferring with him on the subject, you had better write again, stating whether you still deem his services important and what sum monthly or annually you think he ought to have which he is willing to labor for. If you board him, it seems to me that $20 a month, for a person in such circumstances as I suppose his to be, and engaged in such a work of Christian benevolence, is somewhat more than it ought to be. Still I may not be aware of all the circumstances.

By the Herald for January which will probably reach you in a week or two after this, you will see a statement of the operations of the Board – their nature & extent – the indebtedness also, and the estimates for the next year. Indeed you have seen nearly all this in the papers, & in the account of the meeting in the Nov. Herald. We have openings and calls enough in connection with the missions now established for at least 100 additional missionaries, and the addition of $150,000 to the annual expenditure; and yet the Board has not received funds enough for the last six years to hold its own as to the number of missionaries & the extent of its operations, without running in debt. All this is said without any reference to nearly two thirds of the whole human race to whom the Gospel has in no form yet been preached, and large portions of whom are fully accessible, & ought to be supplied with preaching with the least possible delay.

With Christian regard to Mrs. Mattick, I remain very truly yours.

D. Greene.

Memoranda for Mr. C. C. Copeland. & Miss Stetson & Arms, missionary teachers under the care of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

When you reach New Orleans, call on Mess. Frantlin & Henderson, agents for the Board, hom you will consult as to suitable lodgings, hile you remain in that city: which will of ourse be only till you can find suitable onveyances for proceeding on your way. You ill of course make them as little trouble as ossible. Alfred Hennen Esqr. is also a friend of the Board on whom you may call & consult, if necessary.

If a comfortable boat, with a reasonable price for passage can be found, going soon up the Red river to near the Choctaw country, Mr. Copeland & Miss Arms had better take that route. But they should have the approbation of Messrs. Franklin & Henderson before they engage a passage, & should ascertain fully how far the boat will take them. Every thing respecting passage should be made fully understood & had in writing, so that there may be no misunderstanding or unexpected demand.

If they cannot presently go up the Red River, then all will go together to Little Rock, where you may call on Jesse Brown, Esqr. also an agent of your Board. From this place Miss Stetson will go directly to Dwight, by the earliest suitable opportunity, probably in the same boat in which she goes from New Orleans to Little Rock. Mr. Copeland & Miss Arms will then, in consultation with Mr. Brown & others, ascertain in what manner they can soonest, & with the least unnecessary expense get to the Choctaw country. If there is a public conveyance to Eagle Town or for any considerable part of the way, it will probably be best to take that. If not, they must either hire a conveyance to take them into the Choctaw country, or write to ~~them~~ Mr. Byington, or Mr. Kingsbury, & wait till they can come or send to Little Rock for them. This latter is undesirable, if in either of the other ways the journey can be made ithout considerably more expense.

If Mr. Copeland & Miss Arms go by the of Little Rock, all their baggage, except a trunk for each, should be left at New-Orleans, to be sent up the Red river with ~~the other~~ freight for the mission.

Should it be necessary for you to ~~have~~ obtain money in New Orleans or at Little Rock, Messrs. Franklin and Henderson in the former place & Mr. Brown in the latter will give you counsel how to obtain it.

David Greene

Missionary House, Boston;
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[illegible] ing of Mr. C. C. Copeland & Misses Stetson & Arms [illegible] the third are destined to the Choctaws, & the second to the Cherokees, whom she is returning after a short relax- [illegible] twenty years labor [illegible] As they, especially Mr. Copeland & Miss Arms may be detained a day or two at Little Rock, & may need some advice as to the best method of proceeding through the State to the Choctaw country, I take the liberty to introduce them to you, as I feel encouraged to do by the fact that you have performed similar kind offices in such cases before.

If there is a further conveyance from

Missionary House. Boston,
4 Dec. 1841.

Brown Esqr.
Little Rock, Arks.

Dear Sir,

This will be handed you by a company of teachers proceeding to our Indian Missions in your quarter, consisting of Mr. C. C. Copeland & Misses Stetson & Arms. The first and the third are destined to the Choctaws & the second to the Cherokees, to whom she is returning after a short relaxation from near twenty years labor among them. As they, especially Mr. Copeland & Miss Arms may be detained a day or two at Little Rock, & may need some advice as to the best method of proceeding through the State to the Choctaw country, I take the liberty to introduce them to you, as I feel encouraged to do by the fact that you have performed similar kind offices in such cases before.

If there is a public conveyance from

Little Rock all the way or a considerable part of it, to Eagle Town, or that part of the Choctaw country lying on Red River, this, I suppose will be the best route. If there is not, the choice must, I suppose, lie between hiring a conveyance to take them to Eagle Town, or waiting at Little Rock till they can send to Mr. Byington or Mr. Kingsbury to come & take them in to the country. The latter is undesirable, unless the expense of the former would be unreasonably great.

Miss Stetson will wish to take the first suitable opportunity for proceeding directly to Dwight, & may probably take the same boat in which she will go to Little Rock.

Any thing which you may be able, Dear Sir, to do to facilitate the progress of these friends towards the places of their destination, will be gratefully acknowledged by them & the Board.

Very respectfully & truly
Your friend & Servant,
David Greene
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Missionary House. Boston;
2 Dec. 1841

Gentlemen,

The bearer of this, Mr. C. C. Copeland, is a teacher, under appointment from the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, & destined to the Choctaw mission, to which he is now on his way. In company with him are Miss Arms & Miss Stetson, two female teachers; the former on her way to the Choctaws, & the latter to the Cherokees. As they may stay in New Orleans a few days, & may need some advice as to suitable lodgings, and as to the best conveyances ~~[illegible]~~ onward to their destination, I have taken the liberty to introduce them to you, who have, as Mr. Hennen informs us, kindly consented to act as agents for the Board in your city. We hope they will not be much of burden or trouble to you. Whether it will be possible for those destined to the Choctaw country to proceed up the Red river by boat to Fort Towson, or some point on the border of the Choctaw country or not, we have not the means here of determining. If they can do this without much delay, with a comfortable boat, and at a reasonable price for passage, it would, we suppose, be the most convenient & least wearisome route. If this cannot be, we suppose they must all go up the Arkansas to Little Rock, & then across the country to ~~to~~ the Choctaw territory. In case they pursue this latter route, their baggage, except one trunk of indispensables, should go, with other freight for the Choctaw mission, up Red river, by the earliest opportunity.

Any attentions of the nature above described, which your convenience may permit you to show them, will be gratefully acknowledged by both them & ~~by~~ the Board. We hope not often to trouble you in this manner.

Very respectfully your
friend & Servant
David Greene,
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Missionary House, Boston,
27 Dec. 1841.

Rev. Asher Wright,
Seneca Mission.

My Dear Sir,

Yours of the 10th and 18th are received. Pierce & Seneca White are also here. Yesterday they went to see the Governor. From their account of the interview, I presume that he gave them little encouragement for any thing he could do. I hope in a day or two to introduce them to some members of the Senate & representatives, who may become interested in the matter and bring it forward for action, if the Governor should not introduce it himself. Still it is very difficult to get such a matter undone, when it has once been passed upon. Besides the Indians are on the declivity and the whole tendency of things is to push them down further. We must do what we can for them in this emergency, & then leave it that wise Providence that has brought so mysteriously in regard to them.

Relation to Pierce's difficulty with Mr. VanDusen, I am glad to see that he & White appear so good natured on the matter. I think it is well not to have any joint action with him or any one else; but as he represents the case, there does not appear to be sufficient cause for Mr. VanDusen's breaking partnership when he did, or using so harsh expressions relative to Mr. Cooper & the Quakers. It is very desirable not to make a break with them now, when we are cooperating with them for accomplishing another important object. But I of course know only half the matter.

As to the type I would remark that the best way is for you to ascertain nearly how many you want of each character, & let us know. Then we will have them cast and forwarded. We do not want to send either the punches or the matrices, as we may want them both here. A half hour's examination of a page of ~~y~~ ~~an~~ one of your books, will enable you to tell how many of each you want with sufficient exactness. We could tell here, but we do not know how many you have, or for how large a fount you wish a supply.

Your schedule of expenses for the next year & of your expenses for the last quite frightens us. They will be brought before the Committee as soon as they shall have time to attend to them. I fear they will not grant anything like the sum you ask; & considering the suffering condition of many of the other missions, and the ability of your Indians to do for themselves, I doubt some whether they ought to. But I shall have occasion to write you soon on the subject, & it is not therefore necessary to say more now. — In much haste

Very truly, yours. D. Greene

Missionary House. Boston;
21 Dec. 1844.

Mr. H. K. Copeland,
Dwight Mission.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 2d September came duly to hand; and though it is long since, if you knew how constantly I am pressed with business from day to day, you would not probably find fault that it had lain so long unanswered.

From the letter which I found time to write as Mr Stetson was leaving here for his return, you have probably learned that we have as yet succeeded in finding no man to take charge of the farm at Dwight, though I have inquired & written a good deal, and employed Mr. Day to look out in that part of the country where he has been moving about during the summer. All this so far say now is, that we will do the best we can to find a man this winter, & send him. If we do not, you & the brethren must do as well as you can in the several departments of labor. We ask no more of you; & though we know that you must be greatly burdened with care & labor, & that many things must be done at disadvantage, yet we hope you will be sustained and carried through, till help shall arrive. That the station should be destitute of a preacher, of a farmer, & a female teacher at the same time, is peculiarly unhappy & unfavorable, and nothing but absolute necessity is the reason for the stations being left thus weak.

I doubt not your views respecting your own appropriate sphere of labor are correct, & cannot but hope that without

near delay things will be so adjusted
that you may occupy that sphere,
without being seriously diverted from it.

Mr Day is, I presume, with you
for this time, & Miss Stetson will, I
trust, arrive soon. Though without the
care & instructions of a pastor, I hope
the Lord will be in the family,
the schools, & among the Indians
by his Spirit, keeping you of one
mind, cheering you in all your
cares & labors, & causing you to rejoice
over the success, which will be gained &
crowning your labors.

With Christian regards to your
wife & all your associates in labor,

I remain very truly yours
D Greene

Missionary House. Boston;
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Miss Hannah Moore,
Dwight Mission.

Dear Madam,

In reply to your favor of Oct. 20th I would say that my constant employment has obliged me quite so long to ~~answer~~ delay answering. Permit me to say that I am truly glad that you found yourself so agreeably disappointed in many respects, in regard to the state of things at Dwight, and that your employments have been so pleasant to you. I hope they may prove but the beginning of a long & happy course of usefulness among the Cherokees. The missionary laborer whose heart is really in his employment, & who feels that he is laboring for God & for the salvation of souls, cannot well be otherwise than happy, if he sees that he is laboring to any good purpose, and evidence enough I hope you will have on this point.

among the interesting group of children around you.

You inquire as to the expediency of adopting children. If you mean to take & keep them for a few or more years and instruct them well, it will be equivalent to what has been done at the station heretofore. If you mean more than this, I should not think it in any common case desirable. If a pupil who has been educated in the mission schools, chooses to remain in the family, & can be useful & more safe in a religious view, let him or her stay.

As to your making a donation to the Board, you must do as you think best. Just now we are not particularly pressed for funds. Still, if we could be confident that the Board would be sustained in it, we would make arrangements in a single year to expend nearly double what we now receive.

Your journal it is not necessary to send here, though we should be happy to receive any communications you may forward to us. Whether it is best to send in to Rome matters by mail or wait for a private hand you must judge.

I will endeavor to have a few looking glasses sent to you with the goods that will shortly be forwarded to Dwight.

Whether we shall get a female teacher to take the place of Miss Bissell so as will reach you before spring I cannot say. I hope to do it, as I am sure that the care of the pupils in school alone will be too much of a task for you.

If you find little in the scenes and circumstances that surround you that calls for self denial, you must be thankful to a kind providence; and at the same time turn your thoughts more inward and labor to suppress & counteract all that you find wrong there. Wearied as you must often be, & perhaps nervous with the cares, noise, & excitements of the day, especially in such a climate, it will be strange if you do not find yourself inclined ~~[illegible]~~ irritability of passion. A school teacher beyond most others, needs equanimity, self-control, a good nature.

Very truly yours in the gospel,
D. Greene.

Missionary House Boston:
11 Jan. 1842.

Robert Stuart Esq
Detroit Mich

My Dear Sir,

Your kind fav: of the 29 Dec came to hand this day. You need make no apologies for forwarding a copy of Mr. Scott's letter relative to Mr. Hall. I presume that I understand, by the help of Mr. Scott's letter, & my interviews with Mr. Boutwell & Mr. James, pretty accurately how the case stands. Mr. Hall will probably be down himself next spring, & we will look into it further. How far, precisely, Mr. Hall is criminally in fault, as Mr. Scott would represent him, I of course cannot say; But that his own temperament and other circumstances may seriously interfere with his usefulness ~~there~~ at La Pointe, I can easily conceive. Doct. Borup, with whom & the mission there has been some misunderstanding, informs me that he shall soon be down & will call on me. So that the means of looking into the affair will be at hand. I have for sometime supposed it doubtful whether, if Mr. Hall should come this way, it would be expedient for him to return to La Pointe. The health of his wife is & has been for years very bad; he has a large family, & his hands have been full of business — secular business, studying the language, translating & preparing books, preaching & making sermons, seeing the Indians, &c. More has probably been done than is seen by a looker on. I cannot suppose that he is ~~[illegible]~~ lacking in industry.

I have exposed to Mr. Hall what you wrote respecting the money received & paid over. All is quite proper.

Please give my best regards to Mrs. Stuart & your family.

Very respectfully & truly yours.

David Greene

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Missionary House Boston;
10 Feb. 1842.

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Lac qui Parle.

My dear Sir

[illegible] visit New England as you requested, with the expectation that the book, [illegible] at least, be printed [illegible] mentioned winter, [illegible] while you should be in this part of the country. [illegible]

[illegible] But we must wait [illegible] future [illegible] the providence [illegible] & guide our movements. [illegible]

D. Greene

Missionary House Bost.
11 Jan. 1842.

Mr. William Thompson
Cassville, Ga.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of November 25th, permit me to say that the Board has as yet received nothing for the improvements at the Hightower Station; nor have they any fresh information to communicate, in advance of what I last wrote you. What will ultimately come out of the case, I cannot now foretell. If any thing new shall occur, I will inform you. I shall probably write the Secretary of War again this winter, & get the matter attended to if I can.

Very truly yours,

D. Greene

Missionary House, Boston;
11 Feb. 1842.

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Lac qui Parle.

My dear Sir,

After much delay I wrote you some month or more since, authorizing yourself & Mrs. Riggs to visit New England as you requested, with the expectation that the books which you mentioned would, part of them at least, be printed while you should be in this part of the country. In respect to them all we can decide the point after you arrive.

About the legacy of Mrs. Burgess you need give yourself no anxiety. It makes little difference whether it goes to your mission exclusively & directly, or to the Board for general purposes.

I suppose the new treaty is to make some changes in the state of the Sioux, which may affect the interests of your station, & ultimately all the bearings of your several departments of labor. But we must wait for time & the providence of God to unfold what is future & guide our movements.

In much haste & truly yours
D. Greene

Missionary House, Boston

11 Feb. 186[illegible].

Mr. Wm. S. Van Dalz

Seneca Mission.

Dear Sir,

Yours of [illegible] came to hand the 22 inst. [illegible], as submitted to the Committee. It seems to them that the ~~[illegible]~~ reasons offered for your retirement from the missionary labor work at this time are hardly sufficient & that it is desirable that you should continue to labor at Seneca as you are now doing, for at least one year more. Mr. Wright obviously cannot carry forward the several departments of labor as they are now arranged, and accomplish anything as a preacher & pastor, a translator. It is a trying time also with the Indians. A year may perhaps show how it is to term with them. The value of the printing needs also to be seen, & how much can be accomplished in that manner.

You have probably corresponded with Mr. Wright on the whole subject. We desire to know how it strikes him, as well as to see how in the view of you both it & your withdrawal is to bear on the several departments of labor among the Indians. I hope that, if this is not satisfactory, you will both write more fully.

Very truly Yours,
D. Greene

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Mr. Jacob Hitchcock,
Dwight Mission.

My Dear Sir,

Your favor of Dec. 23d, [illegible] received, [illegible] the [illegible] of Mr. Day, leaving [illegible] teaching [illegible] school [illegible] permit me to say that we have found no good man yet to take charge of the boys' school. [illegible] He [illegible] his wife is expecting to [illegible] some [illegible] will be teacher; [illegible] might probably [illegible] willing to take boys at other times, for a year or two. As a farmer he is not competent. As the health of his wife is not sound, & the [illegible] seem to be approaching, the Committee would not like to send him. Your arrangement therefore, to have Mr.

Day teach the girls for the next six months, & Miss More [illegible] take them out [illegible] Can't think to be a good [illegible] , leaving the boys' school to give [illegible] in the fall, if suitable arrange[ments] [illegible] for it, is a wise [illegible] I hope there [illegible] teach- [illegible]

[illegible] say to Mrs. Day that I am [illegible] this wife is [illegible] will be [illegible] I hope that in the good Providence of God she may long live to labor [illegible] among the Cherokees. I would write her if I had time. [illegible] according [illegible] seems to [illegible] best [illegible] Day; at [illegible] to Mrs. Hitchcock & all your associates. [illegible] very truly yours,

S. B. Treat

Day teach the girls for the next six months, & Miss Moore to take them out of school, the Comee think to be a good one, leaving the boys school to begin in the fall; if suitable arrangements can be made for it, as we hope there may; & also a ♀ teacher sent for the girls.

Please say to Mr. Day that I am sorry to learn that the health of his wife is so very poor, & that a good deal of care will be requisite to preserve it through the approaching warm season. I hope that, in the good providence of God she may long live to labor & do good among the Cherokees. I would write him if I had time. His accounts of moneys received seems to be satisfactory. Please give my best Christian regards to him & Mrs. Day; also to Mrs. Hitchcock & all your associates.

Very truly yours,

D. Greene

Missionary House, Boston
12th Feb. 1862

Miss Sophia Sawyer
Fayetteville, Ark.

Dear Madam,

Your favors [illegible] of December 6th and January 6th have both come to hand. Please give my respects to Mr. Stevenson for the note which he added to your letter. It gives me great pleasure, as I am sure it will all your friends, to learn that the Lord has raised up and surrounded you with friends in whom you may place confidence, who are ready to afford you the aid and countenance which you need in a land of strangers; & that the same Lord is rendering your labors acceptable and useful. May his goodness still follow you, and you be constantly led by his Spirit at all times & in all things. It gives me pleasure to learn that you have so good a schoolhouse & so large [a] number of pupils. If you can control yourself, keep your mind quiet, and regulate your whole conduct & all your movements according to your better judgment, I doubt not you will continue to interest & profit them, & secure the confidence & esteem of their parents & friends.

As to the money of which you write you may pay that or any thing else which you may wish to pay over to the Board, to the Mission at Dwight, requesting Mr. Hitchcock to credit to Mr. Hill in his account.

Very truly your friend in Christ,
D. Greene.

(I write in much haste.)

Rev. P. P. [illegible]
St. F[illegible]

Dear Sir,

Yours of [illegible] came duly to hand [illegible] was very glad to hear how you [illegible] you [illegible] among [illegible] with their pupils [illegible] in the Lord, be kind, diligent in your labours and give no just cause of offence to any one, either in temper, word, or action, and you will be carried through all these troubles & mistakes. They may be a thorn in the flesh to make you feel your dependence, keep you near to God, and prepare you the better for [illegible] state.

My principal object in writing at [illegible]

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Missionary House, Boston,
12 Feb. 1864.

Rev. P. P. Osunkhirhine
St. Francis, L. C.

Dear Sir,

Yours of Nov. 1. came duly to hand, and I was very glad to hear how you were getting along in your work among the Indians, & in your troubles with the faultfinding and persecuting papists. Only stand fast in the Lord, be kind, diligent in your labors, and give no just cause of offence to any one, either in temper, word, or action, and you will be carried through all these troubles & sustained. They may be a thorn in the flesh to make you feel your dependence, keep you near to God, and prepare you the better for the rest of the heavenly state.

My principal object in writing at

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this time is ~~to~~ inquire whether you want the Youth's Companion. We began to send it last year, but were informed by the Post Master at St. Francois that it was not taken out of the office. We began again this year, & have now received the same notice. I shall of course stop the paper. If you wish for it, we will send it again.

Very truly yours
D. Greene

Rev. Mr

The copy was remarkably plain, and still there were, perhaps, 60 or 70 instances where there was a doubt raised on some points, as whether what might be two words or one, should be joined or separated; or whether an o should have the nasal mark or not, when another just before, with have, the word seems to be the same in both cases; or how a word which had been corrected, but the original letter not erased, should be printed, might

Missionary House. Boston.
12 Feb. 1852

Rev. Alfred Wright
Wheelock. C.N.

My Dear Sir,

Of the gospel of Matthew which you forwarded, 1250 copies have been printed, and 400 or 500 bound and are now going on board the vessel for New Orleans. I hope they may reach you safely. The other copies will remain in sheets till we hear further from you. I fear that the printing may not be entirely correct. The copy was remarkably plain, and still there there were, perhaps 60 or 70 instances where there was a doubt raised on some point — as whether what might be two words or one should be joined or separated; or whether an a should have the nasal mark or not, when another just before, with all the words around it being apparently the same in both connections, or how a word which had been corrected, but the original letter not erased, should be printed. My eye

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not telling me certainly which letter the ink was put on last, & of course not determining which was the original letter & which the substitute. Some other similar cases occurred. But a manuscript absolutely free of some similar ambiguities I do not expect to see; but till then of course no one correcting the press in an unknown tongue, can be certain that he is always correct. But probably there is many an oversight of mine, for which there is no such apology. For such blunders I must take shelter under the common excuse (and never better founded than during the last six months) of want of time. It is a dull & sleepy business, also, to be looking for two or three hours in succession at mere letters, even if one knows that the blessed gospel is covered up beneath them.

I have endeavored to follow your directions, & do the best that time and circumstances would allow. And now you have the results.

May the Lord make the Book spirit & life to the Choctaws.

Mr. Copeland & Miss Arms, who bear letters to yourself & your associates, have I trust, reached the Choctaw country before this time. I hope they may be useful. We are in correspondence with a physician for your mission, & hope to get him out this spring. But there are so many slips between the cup & the lip in securing laborers for the Indian missions, that I dare not encourage you much.

With christian regards to yourself & Mrs. Wright and all your associates,
I remain, very respectfully &
truly yours,
David Greene

Missionary House, Boston.
12th Feb. 1846.

Rev. S. W. Pond
Fort Snelling.

Dear Sir,

Yours of 2d September came duly to hand, and I am glad to receive the information it contains. As to your future location, the reasons for not being able in haste to decide upon it. Nothing but that it is important to be settled down, some place and at work improving & saving the Indians. But missionaries, I have observed, when Indians remove, hasten forward and fix their stations & incur expenditures where they think the Indians ought to settle, or where it would be best for them to settle, without waiting to see where they will actually settle, and by and by, when they are settling & for a village to grow up the most shall be made of your forces, & the missionaries there, they find the Indians all congregating at other places, & themselves obliged to remove, & to live alone. In your country probably there is not so much danger of such mistakes, as there is & has been among the Cherokees & Choctaws with the Southerners. The good & favorable points are with you fewer and more strongly marked. Still as your object will be to do the most good to the Indians, it will be important for you to wait before fixing on your station, till you can see from their movements, where that point will be. Whenever that can be ascertained, the sooner you decide and fix yourself down again, the better.

On this matter as on all others so important to the usefulness of the whole ~~mis~~ mission, it will be desirable to have free consultation with your brethren at Lac qui Parle, that you may be so located as that the most shall be made of your funds, & the means at your control. A place distant from any great ~~through~~ thoroughfare, & the more retired, almost, the better, is, I suppose, decidedly to be preferred, other things being equal, to one more resorted to or ~~[illegible]~~ traversed by whites or other Indians.

Wherever you may carry on your work in future, I pray that the Lord, by the presence of his Spirit, may make the place a Bethel indeed, and greatly display his power and grace in the conversion of the Indians and in fitting them for heaven.

Remember me affectionately to your wife, your brother & his, & believe me to be

Very truly yours,
D. Greene

Missionary House, Boston,
12 Feb 1862.

Rev. Saml A. Worcester.
Park Hill. C. N.

My Dear Sir,

Your favors of Dec. 12 & Jan. 11th have come to hand. I regret that in my haste and in attention I have made mistakes respecting the Cherokee Ministers. I have greatly felt the want of more full statistics relating to them and all your other operations; and I trust that you & your brethren will be able to send on more materials for making out a report for next year. They ought to come as early as the first of July.

To yours about teachers and books, received yesterday, permit me to say that the books will be forwarded as soon as practicable. The teachers cannot be found or even brought in a day. I have written for

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done — an excellent one I think, & he hopes he will go on this spring, with his wife. Where to get more I do not know, but will look around & do what I can.

Here let me inquire if any allowance will be made for travelling, or a house be granted when they ~~arrive~~ arrive, or any other facilities furnished those who may have no means ~~to~~ of defraying their own travelling expenses from New England to Arkansas, or of setting up living comfortably after they get there? Here, I think, may be a serious difficulty. Two young men disposed to go, & take wives with them, as it seems to me desirable they should, would have $500 to expend on out fit and the journey. If this difficulty could be met, I would not despair of getting 8 or 10 teachers before next October. If it cannot, I fear that few will be found ready to enlist. There is some risk, arising from failure of health, or not satisfying the Cherokees, & other contingencies, which, with a salary not much above a bare support, may deter young men from

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[illegible] House, Boston
19 Feb. 1862.

My Dear Sir,

[illegible] for which Mr. Worcester [illegible] have been purchased & shipped [illegible] hope you have the invoice. Mr. Hill has been absent since Mr Worcester's letter arrived [illegible] so no aid from him. I obtained the [illegible] best books I could find in the [illegible] after examining them as much as my time would permit. [illegible] The books sent are those most approved and most used here & generally in New England. Two or three of a class are sent, furnishing a proper gradation for learners of different capacities and attainments, and of each book there is sent such a proportion [illegible] as seemed to me most likely to meet your wants. Webster's spelling book is now but little used in New England, other books being preferred. Of several books you will see that merely a few are sent as specimens, or enough to try them on a single class. If you should prefer them to others, ~~they~~ a quantity of them can be sent

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[illegible]. I will do the best I can.

Please write me on these points, that I may have all the information needed ~~to~~ answer inquiries on the subject, or use as inducements to persuade young men to go.

I am truly glad that the care of the schools has fallen into so good hands as those of Mr. Freeman. Give him my best regards.

Affectionately & truly yours,
D. Greene

Missionary House, Boston
19 Feb. 1842.

Rev. Stephen Foreman
Park Hill.

My Dear Sir,

The books, Stationery &c. for which Mr. Worcester wrote on your behalf, have been purchased & shipped, and on the other leaf you have the invoice. Mr. Hill has been absent since Mr Worcester's letter arrived, till today, and I had no aid from him. I obtained specimens of the best books I could find in the market, and after examining them as much as my time would permit, I made the selection. The books sent are those most approved and most used here & generally in New England. Two or three of a class are sent, furnishing a proper gradation for learners of different capacities and attainments, and of each book there is sent a proportion such as seemed to me most likely to meet your wants. Webster's Spelling book is now but little used in New England, other books being preferred. Of several books you will see that merely a few are sent as specimens, or enough to try them on a single class. If you should prefer them to others, a quantity of them ~~they~~ can be sent

can be found in the market. This part of the book
manufacture is quite too slightly done. I don't
know that any [illegible] better binding can be

a future time. The price is as low, I presume,
the books can be purchased for elsewhere.
e binding of many of the books is not as good
it ought to be, & I fear your people will com-
plain, but I do not think that any thing better

can be found in the market. This part of the book manufacture is quite too slightly done. I don't know that any books of better binding can be obtained. I think that sometime since a specimen spelling book by Gallaudet & Hooker was sent to Mr. Worcester. Perhaps it is better than any I have sent you. But as it is not yet much in use, & has not had a thorough trial, I thought it not best to send it.

As to teachers, I cannot venture to promise you much. One that I am in correspondence with I hope to start off this spring, within a month, & before next winter I hope to find more. I mention the opening both in the Herald & Day spring, & may probably have applications. If so, and they individuals are found to be suitable men, we will encourage them to go on. All that we can do to help along your people in their course of intellectual & moral improvement, we shall take much pleasure in doing.

In sending for paper, it will be desirable for you to say whether you want plain paper, or ruled; & in what manner ruled - or writing books. I send you some of all.

Very truly Yours,

D Greene.

Missionary House. Boston.
25 Feb. 1842.

To the Members of the Oregon Mission.

Dear Brethren,

Owing to the want of regular and frequent communication between Boston & your part of the continent, a much longer time has elapsed since I wrote you than was desirable, & than had been supposed to be necessary. This is the more to be lamented as your mission has been, in many respects, in so unhappy a condition. May the Lord in some manner overrule this delay for the honor of his name and the furtherance of his cause of the Indians among whom you are.

The Committee have been aware [illegible] long that the Stations at Waiilatpu and Clear Water might not, so far as the Indians are concerned, and the external circumstances of the be continued with the expectation of their being prosperous and highly useful, both to the Indian race, and as plantings and nurishing the seeds of Christianity & Christian institutions in a country into which a white population will be pressing at no distant day. But as it seems to be the unanimous opinion of all those connected with the southern branch of the mission, with, perhaps Mr. Spalding excepted, that the stations must be discontinued or supplied with new men, in which opinion the brethren at the Sandwich Islands concur, the Committee have taken the subject, in that view of it, into serious consideration. They felt compelled to this the more by the desponding tones in which many of your number wrote about the smallness of the numbers & the unpromising character & habits of the Indians, and the unsuitableness of the country for supporting any numerous or dense population.

In view of all the circumstances of the mission as presented in letters from your number, the Prudential Committee, on the 23d inst. adopted resolutions—

1. To discontinue the southern branch of the Oregon Mission.

2. To recall the Rev. Henry H. Spalding and

wife, with the expectation that they would return to the United States by the earliest suitable opportunity;

3. Expressing the decided opinion that it is expedient for Rev. Asa B. Smith & wife, & Mr. William H. Gray and wife also to return to the United States by the earliest suitable opportunity,

4. Transferring Doct. Marcus Whitman, & Mr. Cornelius Rogers, if he should be disposed to continue in the mission any work, to the north branch of the mission to cooperate with Messrs Eells & Walker.

5. Appointing Doct. Whitman & Mr. Rogers to dispose of the mission property connected with the south branch of the mission, to the Methodist mission, or in such other manner as they might deem advisable, in order to bring the affairs of those stations to a close most speedily and with the least loss to the Board. Whatever can advantageously be transferred to the north branch of the mission, will, of course be thus disposed of.

The reasons which the Committee would assign for the steps which they have taken must be given very briefly. They are aware that they have not a full and clear view of the whole case; but as no adequate and satisfactory investigation can be had, considering the remoteness & the secluded location of the mission, they must act on such information as is accessible.

While the Committee, as before remarked, dont think that these stations must necessarily be abandoned, as promising no good results, they at the same ~~been~~ time to see little prospect that the laborers now on the ground will maintain them happily and usefully. Nor is it likely, especially since Messrs. Paris & Rice have stopped short and entered on the work at the Sandwich Islands, that the Committee could send the men requisite to ~~can~~ maintain the stations efficiently, without a delay that would be equivalent to giving them up.

Against Mr. Spalding the Com-

written report of course has no charges
without giving him an opportunity of vindi-
cating himself: Still it is important that he does
not enjoy the confidence of his brethren
of the mission [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] mission
at the Islands in such a degree as to
justify the Committee in continuing him
longer in the mission. He will therefore
be expected to return home, & cease to
draw his [illegible] from the Board and
[illegible] [illegible] appointed to [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the Board now [illegible]
hand. The Board will defray the
company expenses of his return
turn by the earliest opportunity. The
Committee would much prefer that
he should be [illegible] by the route of [illegible], &
then [illegible] [illegible] stop.

The [illegible] of Mr Smith is such
that the Committee have little hope that
he will be able to labor successfully

The [illegible] in the Oregon country, is not such a climate as that at the Sandwich Islands. It therefore seems best that ~~they~~ they should also return. If, however, her health should be fully restored, and it should be the opinion of the physicians and missionaries at the Islands that they could both labor there efficiently and happily, the Committee would assent to their remaining there.

The Committee do not think that Mr. Gray is likely to labor happily & usefully ~~at~~ in the Oregon country; nor do they see that any field is open for him in connection with the mission at the Sandwich Islands.

The services of Doct Whitman, the Committee suppose, will be useful and acceptable at the station near Colville, & they see no reason why he should not, as soon as the labor assigned to him in closing the affairs of the South branch of the mission shall be done, remove thither.

The Committee entertain similar views relative ~~with~~ the labors of Mr. Rogers, and though ~~they~~ are aware that he has never been regularly appointed an assistant missionary of the Board, they would hope that, as he is already in that remote field, & in a high degree qualified & prepared to be useful in various departments of labor, he ~~would~~ will continue in the mission, presuming that in conference with Messrs. Eells & Walker, with Doct. W. some satisfactory sphere of action may be agreed upon.

Should Mr. Rogers have left the country, or be indisposed to aid in the work of disposing of the mission property, Doct. Whitman will feel authorized to proceed in the above, obtaining such counsel from any of his brethren as they may be able to give him.

These, with the best view of the painful case which they can take, are, arrangements which will conduce most to the honor of the missionary cause and to the welfare and usefulness of the several individuals now connected with the Oregon mission; and they trust that all the persons concerned will do all in their power to carry these arrangements into effect in such a manner as will best accomplish the objects aimed at in them. Towards the individuals the Committee are conscious of exercising no other feelings than those of impartial kindness, and so far as lies in their power, they ~~will~~ desire to do what will most promote their usefulness in the vineyard of the Lord.

In the arrangements proposed in this letter, the several members of the mission will see why their respective communications not before acknowledged, are not fully replied to. The circumstances of the individuals do not now seem to call for such replies.

It is a cause of much grief and disappointment, as you may well suppose, that

To Revs. Spalding,
" Whitman
" Smith,
" Gray
" Rogers
" Eells
" Walker

a mission which seemed to promise so great and speedy results, as did yours four years ago, should so soon be brought to such a close, and that too ~~from~~ owing to disaffection among its members. The Christian community, when the ~~results~~ catastrophe becomes known, will also be grieved and disappointed. And we fear that in the eyes of many, besides the traders who have witnessed or been otherwise ~~familiar~~ acquainted with your unhappy dissensions, ~~will~~ the missionary work will be dishonored & prejudiced. May the Lord avert such consequences; and may all the members of the mission, in the new spheres in which they may move & labor, do what in them lies to recommend & promote this great work of Christ in the world.

Very truly your servant in Christ.

Dand Greene,

Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

To Rev. Spalding
" Whitman
" Smith
" Gray
" Rogers
" Eells
" Walker
} Oregon Mission

Missionary House. Boston.

25th Feb. 1842

Doct Marcus Whitman

Walla Walla, Oregon.

My dear Sir,

My last date to you was in March 1841, nearly a year since. I very much regret that so long time has elapsed, without being able to communicate with you, especially as your mission has been in so critical a state and so much suspense must have attended all your movements for the last year and a half. I am pained also at the thought that the communications which I may now send may not probably reach you for eight or ten months to come. But all the delay which has been unavoidable, no vessel having gone to the Sandwich Islands, and no conveyance having been found to across the continent

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may be designed by an all-wise Providence, to accomplish some important purpose, which we shall hereafter see and be satisfied with. I trust that it will be seen that your detention in the country and the prolongation of the mission were not wholly without saving & spiritual benefit to the Indians.

The case of your mission has been as fully & minutely considered by the Committee as their time would permit. At the divisions and counteractions, the want of confidence in each other & the want of fraternal intercourse, which ~~& have~~ prevailed in your band & the mission, the Committee have been deeply grieved. They are pained at the thought too that the alienation & strife which have prevailed among your members have been known to the traders and others in ~~all~~ the country, & thus religion and missions dishonored before them, & perhaps their own souls ruined through the want of Christian feeling and action which they have witnessed in your number.

It seems to be the unanimous opinion of you all, and of your brethren at the Sandwich Islands, so far as they understand the case, that your company can not live & labor together; & that the mission must either be abandoned, or new men must be sent into the field to take your places. This is to the Committee extremely painful and humiliating. It is an alternative to which they have never been brought by any other mission; & which for the honor of the cause, they trust, may never occur again.

From the general letter to the mission which I send in company with this, you will see what course the Committee have adopted, for discontinuing the south branch of the mission. If the [illegible] this may meet your views, either you will promptly contribute what you can bring the arrangements into effect. I am aware that no little labor and responsibility are devolved on you; but the Com^tee did not see where else they could be laid, as the circumstances are.

The Committee are aware that all the circumstances of the two branches of the mission are not fully known to them. But they see no reason for abandoning the north branch. Messrs. Eells & Walker, they suppose, are happy in their work. They ~~seem~~ to have a good number of Indians pretty constantly under their care, and to be exerting as much influence upon ~~them~~ as could be expected. Your services as a physician may, we suppose, be highly valuable both to the mission families and the ~~camps~~ Indians, and no obstacle seems to us to be in the way of your residing and laboring there usefully & happily. If the field shall dow in that quarter and call for other laborers, the Committee will be endeavor to send them, so far as the men and the pecuniary means at their disposal shall permit.

In every thing that relates to Mr. Spalding you will need to act with much discretion and kindness. Some statements contained in letters lately received, leave it doubtful whether he will prefer to return to the United States, or remain in the country. We hope he may return. If he should not, we hope he will throw no obstacles in the way of your settling up the affairs of the mission so far as the property. If he remains in the country, it would not be expected that all in his possession should be taken from him. I suppose that his expenses home across the mountains would be from $300 to $500 — and by way of the Sand. Islands $600 or $800. It might therefore be proper to allow him to retain property to the amount of $500 or $600, should he determine to remain; but he should immediately cease to draw any thing from the Board.

I hope to write you again before long. Owing to the constant pressure of business that is upon me, I am obliged ~~to no~~ to omit many topics, on which I should desire to dwell. May you and all who may labor in the mission yet see that their labors ~~have~~ are not lost; but that many souls of the poor & ignorant Indians are introduced by them, with the blessing of God, into the fold of Christ.

Your communications of Oct. 14th & 29th, 1840, and March 28th, 1841, are received.

With Christian regards to Mrs. Whitman,
I remain very truly yours.

D Greene

Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

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Rev. Asa B. Smith,
Oregon Mission.

My Dear Sir,

As I have said in the general letter to your mission nearly all that it seems necessary to say to you [illegible] Oregon and as it is quite uncertain, considering the tenor of your letter from Vancouver whether this will find you in the Oregon country, I shall write very briefly.

In an interview lately had with your honored father, he gave me a charge, and repeated it a number of times, to tell you, from him, that he judged from your letters that you needed *more of faith* and of *patience*. He said that you were too ready to despond at the outset, and too easily disappointed and discouraged, when unexpected difficulties

when they come up in your path. Your father-in-law, who was a Missionary at Honolulu some years since, made substantially the same remarks, founded on what you had written him. Perhaps this is true. They are much better able to judge than I am. I hope that the Lord has something for you to do somewhere in his vineyard [illegible]

As I stated in the general letter, the [illegible] adverse to your return to the United States, considering your health, & the improbability of [illegible] the expenses of a [illegible] will ever be able to labor [illegible] efficiently [illegible] at home, [illegible] helps of [illegible] the [illegible]

It seemed best to the physicians and the missionary brethren at Honolulu, when ~~tes~~ come up in your path. Your father-in-law, who was also here some months since, made substantially the same remarks, founded ~~on the~~ what you had written him. Perhaps this is true. They are much better able to judge than I am. Still I trust that the Lord has something for you to do somewhere in his vineyard, if not in the Oregon country.

As stated in the general letter, the Committee advise to your return to the United States, considering the state of Mrs. Smith's health, & the improbability that, amidst the exposures of a missionary life, she will ever be ~~so~~ able to labor comfortably & efficiently in this cause. At home, in the bosom of friends, with the helps of native climate and civilized life, she may be in a good measure restored.

It seems best by the physicians and the missionary brethren at Honolulu, when you ~~[illegible]~~ arrive there that you should stop and make the experiment, and the health of Mrs. Smith should promise favorably, the Comm^ee will not object, though they doubt the expediency."

We feel & so will the whole Christian Community, ~~will~~ deeply grieved in view of the termination to which your branch of the mission has come. So much was anticipated, & so promising were the beginnings, [illegible] to be only to end in the deeper disappointment.

Your letters of Sept. 3d & 28th, Oct. 21 & 31st, 1840, and Feb. 22d, & June 2d, 1841, are received.

With Christian regard to Mrs. Smith,

I remain very truly yours,

D. Greene.

Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

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Missionary House. Boston
26th Feb. 1842

Rev. John D. Paris
Sandwich Islands.

My Dear Sir, Your favor of 30th July 1841, came to hand a month since. I was glad to hear of your safe arrival, though pained to learn that the prospects of the Oregon Mission were such that the brethren at the Islands & yourself should have deemed with so much unanimity that it was not expedient for you to proceed further. I am not certain that the course you adopted was on the whole, the best one; for although it was undoubtedly a clear case that a part of the missionaries were connected with the south [illegible], and the Oregon mission must leave the ground; yet I am not sure that, if yourself & Mr Rice had come forward, you might not have gone into connection with Dr. Whitman and Mr. Rogers, at Waiilatpu, & Mr. Rice with Messrs. Eells & Walker near Colville, and thus formed two efficient stations, occupied by laborers qualified to sustain them, & who could live & act in harmony. The others connected with the south branch would have left the field. The plan now is to discontinue the south branch, & transfer Whitman & Rogers, if the latter is disposed to remain in the work, to the northern station near Colville, & to keep up that station for the present; and if the Lord favors it, strengthen and enlarge the mission in that quarter.

As before this will reach you you will be fairly introduced into work at the Islands, familiarized in a good degree with the language of the people, & as there is work and call enough where you are the Committee do not think it expedient for you to proceed into the Oregon country. Indeed, we do not know but that mission will have all fallen to pieces before our communications now sent can reach them.

With Christian regards to Mrs. Paris.

I remain very truly yours,

D. Greene
Sec., A.B.C.F.M.

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Missionary House, Boston,
26 Feb. 1847.

Mr. Wm. H. Rice
Sandwich Islands

My Dear Sir,

Yours of July 23d came to hand Jan. 14th. We were glad to hear of you as safely arrived in the missionary field with a fair prospect of usefulness open before you, though we are pained at the state of things in another mission, which has in the providence of God occasioned you to be where you are. The Com. are not disposed to censure yourself, Mr. Paris, or the Sandwich Island brethren for the change which has occurred in the scene of your labors. Without doubt all were aiming to do right, & probably enough

You have really done what is best. Still it is with a good deal of reluctance that we are forced to abandon even a part of that mission in respect to which both we and the friends of missions generally formed so high expectations four years ago.

As the case now stands Mr. Spalding is recalled; Messrs. Smith & Gray are to leave the mission & return to the United States; though if they are disposed, & missionaries at the Sandwich Islands are disposed ~~unanim~~ with a good degree of unanimity to have them, they may enter into the labors of that mission. Dr. Whitman & Mr. Rogers have been designated to the North branch of the mission near Colville, to labor with Messrs Eells & Walker, while the southern branch is to be given up & the property disposed of as well as it can be by Dr. W.

You may therefore regard the Sandwich Islands as your sphere of labor, & in it may the Lord give to you & Mrs. Rice all the success, & spiritual strength & comfort, which your circumstances & duties may still call for.

With Christian salutations to you & wife, I remain truly yours.

D. Greene

Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Missionary House. Boston
26 Feb. 1862.

Rev. Henry H. Spalding,
Oregon Mission.

Dear Sir

Your favors of Sept 22d & Oct. 22d, 1860 have come duly to hand, and I much regret that so long a time has elapsed since my last to you, which was, if I remember rightly, my book is not now at hand, in March of last year. Still I doubt whether with the information which we have that I could have said much which would be of use in guiding your movements or giving more efficiency to the mission.

Since the receipt of the last communications from the brethren of your mission the Committee have been much pained & perplexed by the want of harmony & the despondency which seem to prevail among you members of the mission.

will see in the general letter sent by this

seems to be the settled conviction of all ~~the~~ you[r]
brethren, & of those at the Sandwich Islands
the mission, so far as they are informed on
this point, that harmony and efficiency can
never pervade the Oregon Mission while the per-
manent missionaries remain connected with
it, & that therefore it must be manned
anew, or abandoned. Such a result is
to the Committee extremely painful and mor-
tifying, & highly reproachful to the cause
of missions, & to the name of Christian.

Under these circumstances the Comm.
have, after considering the subject, decided to
give up the south branch of your mission.
As your associates seem unanimous in the
opinion that your views & proceedings in respect
to the missionary work are so unlike theirs
& what they suppose those of the Board to be,
& in their estimation suited to hinder the prog-
ress of Christianity in that quarter, & bring re-
proach upon it, the Committee, as you

will see in the general letter sent by this conveyance, have voted to recall you, expecting that you will return to the United States by the earliest opportunity. If you should do this your return will be at the expense of the Board. The Committee would, of course, much prefer, if the circumstances of your family will admit of it, that you should return by the mountain route, as you came into the Oregon country. Should you decide on continuing in the country, you will, of course, cease on the receipt of this, to draw further on the treasury of the Board.

Doct Whitman & Mr. Rogers, should the latter be in the country when this arrives, have been appointed to take charge and dispose of the property of the Board at the several stations. If Mr. Rogers shall have left the country, Dr. Whitman alone, with such counsel as he may obtain, will take charge of the property.

them the Committee will expect you to deliver up what is in your possession belonging to the Board.

Mr. Gray & Mr. Smith are also expected to return to the United States.

The Committee have not adopted this course from any unkind feeling towards yourself, or because they wish to make out any charges against you, or in any manner to injure your character. But it seems to them quite certain that you cannot longer be useful in the mission where you are, & that your usefulness as well as the interests of the missionary cause in that part of the world, will be promoted by your return home.

Praying that the Lord will guide us all most effectually & acceptably to do his will,
I remain Very truly your servant in Christ.

David Greene
Secy A.B.C.F.M.

Present my Christian regards to Mrs. Spalding. D.G.

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Missionary House. Boston.
26 Feb. 1842.

Mr. Cornelius Rogers,
Oregon Mission.

My Dear Sir,

From your letters of Nov. 9th, 1840 & Feb. 27th 1841, I suppose it very doubtful whether this letter will find you in the Oregon country, & I shall therefore write with much brevity, which I may the more properly do, as in the former letter I addressed to the Mission, and in another I have written the views of the Committee fully.

Should this letter find you still in connection with the mission, as I hope it may, I would request you as soon as practicable to visit Doct. Whitman and in connection with him, give your opinion & assistance in carrying out the views of the Committee as there expressed.

the mail. We cannot but hope that the Oregon country will present you a field in which you may labor happily and successfully for the conversion of those unhappy Indian tribes to Christ.

The want of harmony among the several families and the consequent extension of the mission over too much ground have undoubtedly hindered your prayers, weakened your hands, and occasioned the despondency which the brethren generally seem to manifest. If Doct. Whitman & yourself can join Messrs. Walker & Ells, and have appropriate spheres of labor assigned to each, while all shall conspire together in prayer & labor for the great object in view, we can not ~~say~~ but hope that good may yet be done to the Indians by the mission, — and such good seed ~~sow~~ sown as shall spring up and bear fruit when that country shall be overrun by white men. It is the earnest desire of the Com. that you should continue in the mission.

the mere fact that your labors would be with a people of another dialect, would not probably be of great importance.

The south branch of the mission, you will see, is to be discontinued, and Messrs. Spalding, Smith, & Gray, are expected to return to the United States by the earliest convenient opportunity.

Praying that the Lord will make the path of duty plain before you, and add his blessing to all your efforts to carry the gospel to those who are in need of it,

I remain very truly yours,

D Greene

Sec.y A.B.C.F.M.

P.S. The Committee hope that you may be especially useful in preparing & printing elementary books for the Indians, or in teaching, for which the facility with which you are said to mingle with the Indians and acquire their language, particularly qualify you. D.G.

Missionary House. Boston;
26 Feb. 1842.

William H. Gray
Oregon Mission.

Dear Sir,

As I have written so fully concerning the views of the Prudential Committee relation to the Oregon Mission, in my general letter to the Missionaries, as well as to ~~the~~ some of the individual members, that it seems hardly necessary, especially as my time is fully oc- by other engagements ~~otherwise~~ to write you at full length.

You will learn from the general letter that the Committee have decided to discontinue the southern branch of the Oregon Mission, to recall Mr. Spalding, ~~to~~ express a decided opinion that it is better for Mr. Smith & yourself also to return to the United States immediately; and to transfer Dr. Whitman & Mr. Rogers, should he still be connected with the mission, to the station near Colville, to cooperate with the brethren there; ~~appropriating them~~ also to dispose of the property belonging to the Board, connected with the stations now to be discontinued.

I cannot now go fully into the reasons which have led the Comee to these several measures. It must suffice to say, that, with the facts and statements furnished them by the brethren of the mission, it seemed to them that the interests of the Mission and cause in that quarter would, by these measures, be most promoted, and the happiness and usefulness of the several members of the mission prolonged & increased.

Your return to the United States, if by the earliest suitable opportunity, may, of course, be at the expense of the Board.

If the circumstances of your family will admit of it, the Committee would prefer that you should return by the overland route.

With Christian regards to Mrs. Gray

I remain truly yours.

D. Greene
Secy A.B.C.F.M.

P.S. Your favor of 16 Oct. 1840 is received. D.G.

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Missionary House, Boston,
26 Feb. 1842.

Messrs.
Cushing Eells and
Elkanah Walker,
Oregon Mission.

Dear Brethren, The letters of Mr. Eells Sept. [illegible] 1840, & 8 March 1841, and that of Mr. Walker 18 Sept. 1840 all came to hand 10 August 1841. The minutes of the meeting of the Mission in July 1840 came to hand 2 Oct. 1841. Since the receipt of these letters there has been no opportunity to communicate with your mission; nor indeed have I written anything to you since March, 1841.

While your letters show that you have trials and embarrassments in your work, clearly, and that you need daily much patience, [illegible] prayerfulness, & faith, they also show that [illegible] you have around you and, in a good degree, accessible to you a considerable body of Indians [illegible] as much disposed to listen to the gospel and [illegible] of [illegible] to appreciate the benefits to be derived from

it. Upon schools, as any class of heathens, as
untutored as they, can be expected to be. As to the
communication of truth to them, and the at-
tention they pay to it, considering how little
time you have been with them & how im-
perfect your medium of communication
with them, you have probably ~~as~~ succeeded
as well as your brethren in other missions
have done, when the circumstances have
been in any degree similar. I cannot
but hope that while I am writing, and
even before this, you have rejoiced over
some fruits of your missionary labor, seen
in the enlightening & converting influence
of God's Spirit; & that you are seeing clearly
why it was that the Lord led you in his prov-
idence to that distant land of spiritual dark-
ness & solitude.

In the trial & the season of exposure
and labor which was occasioned by the burning of
your mission house, the Lord did not leave
you without something to compensate you in

care for your loss. He made in these pain-
ful circumstances a new development of
the character of the Indians, indicating more
clearly than before, their interest in you and
your labors among them. He showed you
also how kind friends you had at Colville,
& how ready they were to aid you in an
hour of need. May all these things strength-
en your confidence in God and your
attachment to your work, and be but
forerunners of those ~~great an~~ greater
encouragements to you & ~~your~~ greater
blessings to the Indians through you, which
the Lord will in his own time - not very
distant, I trust, vouchsafe to you.

The unhappy condition ~~of the~~
Southern branch of your mission, as pre-
sented in numerous communications from
the brethren connected with it, has recently
come before the Committee. ~~To them~~
has ~~been~~ painful and perplexing. But

after a careful consideration of it, they have
been forced to the conclusion that that ~~branch~~
branch must be either discontinued or new
manned. The latter, considering the small
number of the ~~for~~ Indians to be reached there,
the vicinity of the Methodist mission, the
want of suitable men ready to enter the field,
especially since Messrs. Paris & Rice
have stopped at the Sandwich Islands, -
cannot be done without ~~so serious~~ a delay
almost equivalent to abandonment. They
have therefore decided on the former. And
in discontinuing those stations, Mr. Spalding
is recalled, Messrs. Smith & Gray are also ex-
pected to return to the United States; while
the Committee hope that Doct. Whitman & Mr.
Rogers, if he still remains in the Oregon coun-
try, may find an opening for laboring usefully
& happily in your ~~&~~ neighborhood. Doct. W's med-
ical knowledge we suppose may be very accept-
able and valuable, both to your families, and
to the Indians; and we trust that Mr Rogers, by
facility with which he acquires the language

and mingling with the Indians, it may be useful in almost any department of labor, especially in preparing and printing elementary books ~~for~~ for schools, and in teaching. To Dr. Whitman & Mr. Rogers have the Committee assigned the work of disposing of the property connected with the two [illegible] stations belonging to the Board, transferring such parts of it as may be desirable, to your station, especially books, school apparatus, & whatever articles may be ~~in~~ of use in the prosecution of the labors there. To this you will of course give early attention, that Dr. W. may know what will be your [illegible].

1 Perhaps you may be somewhat surprised ~~that~~ the Committee did not, in relinquishing the ~~southern~~ branch of the mission, relinquish the whole.

As the Board already had a mission there, one from which the Christian community had expected much, & for which much prayer had been offered, they could not feel quite willing to give it up without a further trial. They would be very reluctant to leave ~~that~~ whole country, probably soon to have a considerable white population, both the Methodists and the papists. Your station, so far as you had gone, seemed to be a prosperous & a promising one. You are in favor with the traders, at a good distance from the Methodists, with a considerable Indian population around you. Strengthening your station by the two brethren named, the Comm. then hoped that your influence might be considerably extended, & the comfort of your families, ~~and~~ not a little promoted. Such are the views that led the Comm. to adopt the course they have. They trust it will meet your approbation, and be the means of encouraging your hearts in your work, and giving additional strength & impulse to the cause of Christian truth in your quarter. Should there be further openings & calls, your number may be increased at a future day.

I hope to write to Mr. McDonald by this opportunity.

The great thing which you need, & which your brethren of the other stations have needed, is a copious outpouring of the Holy

Spirit on yourselves and on the Indians around you. For this I trust you labor and pray. Let your faith in God be strong. Fear not that you shall expect too much or too confidently from him, in this respect. Remember his promises, how comprehensive, how solemnly affirmed, how certain of fulfilment they are. Be not weary of the Indians, nor disheartened at their stupidity or indifference. These are the results of the depravity which they have in common with us all, which God alone can overcome in them or us. On this side of the continent the Spirit is poured out extensively & powerfully, & sinners are flocking to Christ. May this gracious rain not cease till it reaches and refreshes the parched lands on your side of the mountains, and raises there also a song of joy from a multitude who are born again.

I hope to write to Mr. McDonald by this opportunity.

Kind Christian regards to your wives. I remain very truly yours in Christ.

David Greene
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Missionary House, Boston; 26 Feb, 1842

Archibald McDonald, Esqr.
Fort Colvile, Oregon.

Dear Sir,

As our missionary friends Messrs. Ells & Walker have often, in their communications to us, mentioned your name, as that of a gentleman from whom they have received many and valuable favors, and that too in times of great need, I take the liberty to write you a line, acknowledging, on the part of the Missionary Society, the obligations you have, by your kind attentions to the missionaries, laid the society under. To you, Sir, & your associates in trade at Colville, to whom I beg you to communicate this, because the missionaries first named, owe most of their protection & comforts on their first arrival in your vicinity, and subsequently, they have ever recognized in you a friend and counsellor, ready to aid them in every hour of need. They mention with special thanks, your prompt and generous aid extended to them, a year since when their mission house was consumed with fire. The exposure and toil then incurred by some of your associates & men, at that inclement season, and in those trying circumstances, they will not soon forget.

Our hope is that the missionaries may ever prove themselves worthy of your confidence and friendly regard and be highly useful in accomplishing the benevolent objects for which they were sent into the country.

Very respectfully & truly
Your obt servant.
Daniel Greene
Secy A.B.C.F.M.

P.S. By the earliest suitable conveyance, I hope to send you some pamphlets, which may interest you.
D.G.

Mission House, Boston,
28th Feb. 1862.

Robert Stuart, Esqr.
Washington City

My Dear Sir,

Yours of the 14 Feb. came duly to hand, and would have been replied to much earlier, had not so many hours of my time been taken up with labors immediately pressing.

Relative to your request that I would attempt to exert some influence in favor ~~with~~ of the treaty lately concluded with the Sioux Indians, permit me, very respectfully but briefly to suggest some reasons, on the ground of which such an ~~attempt~~ would be unwise & inexpedient.

The first is that it would not become me in my official relations to interfere such a case – certainly not in any covert manner. If it was a matter ~~that~~ obviously bore on our mission so as to make it suitable to notice it in our publication, it would be another thing. During the last year and a half we have been applied to by two or three individuals ~~to~~ aid them in getting the office of Commissioner of Indian Affairs; but we at once declined having any thing to do with the matter. I am confident ~~that the~~ mass of the Best friends of the Board would disapprove of any other course.

But even if it were proper and desirable my want of knowledge of the particular provisions of the treaty, & what will be their bearings ~~on the treaty~~ when carried into execution, is a sufficient reason why I should not exert an influence on one side or the other. One of our missionaries sends me a very brief outline, probably correct, though I do not know whether he had himself seen the treaty or wrote from hearsay. This led me to suppose ~~that~~ the treaty was made with kind and equitable intentions towards the Indians. But this, with the few words you say on the subject, is not sufficient for me to take the responsibility of defending or opposing it. I suppose, with my present ignorance, I should write to a gentleman in New Hampshire & he, on the strength of what I wrote, should urge Mr Woodbury to vote for the treaty; & that Mr. W. should write to him for his reasons, and he should write to me. We should both be in an awkward predicament.

But another reason for my not interfering is the certainty, in my view, that I should effect nothing. I do not ~~thi~~ think, that, with what I could say on the subject, I could induce one individual, minister or layman, of influence, in New England, to write to a Senator.

Now, dear Sir, you must excuse me. Be assured that your request, in such a case, would influence me as much as that of any other person. Nor must you think I distrust your judgment about the treaty. I presume you view it correctly, for I am sure no one is more competent to do so.

Very respectfully & truly yours,
David Greene

Missionary House, Boston,
4 March. 1852.

Mr. Frederick Ayer,
[illegible]

My Dear Sir,

On the other leaf you have ~~an invoice~~ of articles recently forwarded to your ably [illegible] & Mr. [illegible].

Your favor of Dec. 15. & Jan. 3. came to hand a few days since, and has been laid before the Committee, who have given their consent to your return & visit your friends with Mrs. Ayer and your children. We are very sorry that the [illegible] are still kept away from their settlements by fears of the Sioux, & that your hopes are in any degree disappointed. It is not [illegible] as ~~that~~ the treaty with the Sioux will not be ratified. The whole matter, as Mr. [illegible] informs me a few days since, is still in agitation at Washington. It seems ~~that~~ Col. Benton, & the Democratic Senators generally are opposed to it; but it is still hoped that it may be got through the Senate. The Secretary of War, I believe, all the letters of [illegible] are in favor of the treaty. On what ground it is opposed by any, for you, I do not know.

We have all enough [illegible] in the work of Indian missions. But we must [illegible] not be disheartened or vexed, or abandon the work, let us keep laboring & praying, & looking to God for his blessing. Many Indians have already, we fully believe, been prepared for & gone to heaven, through the efforts of missionaries; & I trust ~~that~~ the missionaries now laboring among the various tribes of this unhappy race have ~~not a little~~ much more of this blessed work to do for them — if not so much as they desire, enough at least to make them see, when they come hereafter to know what it is to save a soul from death, ~~that~~ they have not spent their time & labor in vain.

From a letter received a few days since from your Mr. Coe, now at Oberlin, I infer that he does not expect to join your station again.

Please give my kind Christian regards to Mr. & Mrs. Boutwell & Mr. & Mrs. Ely. I would write them both, if my other duties would permit.

With kind regards to Mrs. Ayer, I remain
yours very truly,
David Greene.

P.S. Your report to the Secretary of War, also your letters of 21 August, & 2 Sept. have been received.

Please also say to Mr. Boutwell that his letter of Sept. 26 came duly to hand. In the sore bereavement which your families have experienced, & in all the trying sickness to which the Lord calls you, may his consolations abound more & more, & may these things be the precursors of great spiritual blessings both to your families and the Indians.

D.G.

Missionary House, Boston;
11 March. 1842.

Mr. Wm. S. Van Duzee
Seneca Mission.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 28th Feb. came duly to hand and has been submitted to the Prudential Committee. In compliance with your request, they voted to release you from your further connection with the Board. They also voted to allow you $125 = to aid you in providing for your family, according to your estimate and request.

The Committee sincerely hope and pray that you have the blessing of the Lord abiding on you, & that he will prepare you for usefulness in whatever part of his vineyard he may call you to.

Affectionately & truly yours,
David Greene
Sec'y A.B.C.F.M.

Please say to Mr. Wright that orders are given the types, & I hope they will be ready in a day or two. D.G.

Missionary House. Boston
11 March. 1862.

v. Elizur Butler
Fairfield, Cher. Na.

My Dear Sir,

Your favor January 12th came to hand on the 4th inst and has been submitted to the Prudential Committee. They authorize Mrs. Butler to make the visit you propose, being absent from the station for so much of the coming season as she may find to be necessary.

It is a very interesting and encouraging thing that the Cherokees are so much disposed to ~~to~~ help themselves, and to turn the large sums of money they are receiving to good account. The school arrangements, if wisely and faithfully carried into effect, will tend greatly to spread intelligence and refined habits among them, and prepare them to take higher ground, as a people, than they have ever taken before. I hope [illegible]

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teachers before next autumn, if not all they want. Two or three of them I hope to get off this spring, within a week or two.

Mr. Hill thinks you have made out a pretty good case in regard to your expenditures for last year. In relation to the income of the Board, we have [illegible] great reason for thankfulness. Who would believe that, when the Board was, on the 1st of October, $67,000 in debt, it would, in four months, on the 1st of February, have paid the whole of that debt, sustained the missions, and have $8,000 in the treasury? This is the doing of the Lord, and shows how great an advance there has been in the missionary feeling of our Christian community. Still the call for strict economy is not less imperious. We want [illegible], invigorated, and so organized. We hope this may be an era, after the work of giving the gospel to all nations is to go on hence forth with [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] yours [illegible]

I remain [illegible]

Missionary House. Boston;
11 March. 1861.

Rev. P. P. Osunkhirhine
St. Francis, L. C.

Dear Sir,

Concerning your favor of the 1st. I have consulted the Committee. If the laws of Canada admit of your ~~[illegible]~~ meeting house being deeded to the Board, and such a deed is good & valid in law, then the Committee think it will be best for you to have the matter so arranged. But if the Canada laws do not permit an incorporated society in the States to hold such property and dispose of it, then the Committee think the best method of proceeding will be to have the deed made out to certain persons in Montreal or the vicinity, who shall hold the meeting house for the Board, and to be used as the Board and its missionaries shall direct. Perhaps there may be some difficulty in the [illegible]

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od of proceeding impracticable, though we presume not. You had better see Mr. Strong of Montreal on the subject and with him take legal advice on the whole matter. [illegible] those trustees, he will be a [illegible] to name them. The name of the Board [illegible] in all legal instruments is The American Board of Commissioners [illegible] The deed [illegible] recorded in the proper [illegible] od of proceeding impracticable, though we presume not. You had better see Mr. Strong of Montreal on the subject, and with him take legal advice on the whole matter. If you are to have trustees, he will be a good man to name them. The name of the Board to be used in all legal instruments is "The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions". The deed should, of course, be recorded in the proper place and manner.

The Rev. Mr. Greenleaf of Lyndon, Vt. where some of your Indians were encamped early in the winter, has recently written me a letter giving a very pleasing account of their good conduct and Christian deportment in all respects. They seem to have left a very favorable impression on the minds of the pastor & the church. Thirteen of them attended his communion of the Lord's Supper in Jan-uary. This is for your encouragement. May the Lord preserve each & all as his own.

Very truly yours,

Missionary House, Boston,
14 March. 1862

Rev. Asher Wright
Seneca Mission

My Dear Sir,

Your type, I suppose, started this morning to go to Buffalo by Harnden's express, and may probably reach that place about the same time with this letter. They are directed to the care of Mr. Crocker & [illegible], Buffalo, & I trust will reach you safely and be found to be what you want.

When you next write, I should thank you to tell whose plan the new Seneca treaty is, & by whose influence it is likely to be carried through. I have for some years thought that, considering all the bearings of the matter, as far as I could see them, a concentration of the several bands on some two of the most retired reservations, would be a wise measure, provided the Ogden Co. would relinquish all their claim, and give security that they would never more annoy them. But if the Indians are still to be harassed by the importunities of that company, & to live still a life of foreboding, expecting every year a new assault or some new trick by which they will be agitated or overreached, then, I do not see why it is not best to give up & go west at once. They cannot live in such a state, it seems to me, without the certainty of being ruined & exterminated.

Does this new plan embrace the Tuscaroras, or is it limited to the Buffalo reservation?

Very truly yours,

D. Greene

Missionary House, Boston;
17th March, 1842.

Mr. Maris B. Pierce
Near Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 12th came duly to hand. I thank you for the outline of the supplemental treaty which it contains. Permit me to inquire who suggested ~~that~~ this new treaty? Did it come from the Company, or from the Indians, or from the U.S. government?

The greatest and radical objection to it is, if I rightly understand it, that it leaves the preemption right to the two reservations retained still with the Ogden Company, so that, as soon as they have sold out the Tonawanda & Buffalo reservations, & when they come into possession, and settle upon them, they will come down upon your people again, if ~~they~~ the company and the surrounding population shall not have killed them all before, with the same importuning, harassing, bribing, corrupting, domineering, & oppressing, till they get ~~some~~ the rest of your lands to sell & grow rich upon. And they will carry their point. Your final & total ejectment may be postponed five or ten years, but it will come, and you must go across the Mississippi, unless you can stop their clamor by unqualified refusal to sell, or else, get released from their preemption right. It is better to remove now than to remain ten years in a state of agitation, and then be obliged to go. I cannot but think that you can hold all you now have. If you cannot, then I should rather give the Company the two reservations now proposed to be sold, and retain to the two southern ones, provided the company would relinquish all their preemption right to them. This I think would be better for your people ten years hence, than to receive $212,000, and be exposed to another such an agitation as your people have been passing through for the last four years.

If you sell, as you now propose; the sums named are not large enough, either for the improved or the unimproved lands. But perhaps you cannot obtain more.

The appraisers ought to be appointed differently. One should be appointed by yourselves. As it now stands, they will all three be virtually appointed by the Ogden Company. If, however, the business of the appraisers be simply to apportion over the $102,000 for the improvements, it is not of so much consequence who appoint them, as it would be, if they were to decide on the absolute value of these improvements.

By the amended treaty the $202,000 is to be paid to the United States, & the interest to be paid over to your people &c. Does the Company's coming into possession of the lands depend on their having paid this consideration money? Or are you to be certified that they have paid it, before you relinquish your title? — Your people receive the interest on this sum — whose is the principle? ~~If~~ Supposing your people should dwindle and at length become extinct, — who has those $202,000, and all the other funds which the government hold for your people? Perhaps this is the best way in which to leave the matter. It is the state, I suppose, in which all similar funds of Indian tribes are held by the government. Suppose you should mix with & be lost in the white race, who would be your heirs? If but one family should be left, they would receive the whole $12,000 of annual interest. I should not know what to suggest on this point. It may be worth some looking at.

Nothing more occurs to me now. I shall be glad to hear how your affairs go on.

Very truly yours.

D. Gallue

Missionary House, Boston
21 March 1863.

Rev. Stephen [illegible]
[illegible]

Dear Sir,

This will be handed to you by Mr Charles Pettijohn, who goes out to take charge of one of your schools, in which I trust, from the accounts we have of him, he will do well & exert a good salutary influence among your people. As they go into the country I hope you will take care and give ~~them~~ a good and healthful location, especially for the approaching summer; and not in any manner endanger ~~them~~ by exposure or excessive labor or care, to endanger their health the more ~~than~~ is necessary. They are wholly inexperienced in ~~their~~ matters in your part of the world.

Though I have had interviews & correspondence with 8 or 10 others, it is not likely that any others will get ready to go on this spring; but we probably find a supply before next winter sets in. The great difficulty will be to find men who can defray their travelling expenses. Can not some method be devised by which this obstacle may be removed, wholly or in part? — out of some other fund; by advancing half a year's salary; — or in some other manner; — perhaps making it conditional on their staying and giving satisfaction for a specified length of time?

Let me ask whether you prefer teachers who are married? Also whether good, resolute, efficient, & intelligent females would not answer for some of the schools? If they would, they would cost less, & you might have the more schools.

The travelling expenses of Mr. & Mrs Pal[illegible] are defrayed by the Board, with the understanding, that, if able, he will refund the amount.

Very truly yours in the Gospel,
David Greene

P.S. If there is any thing about the box (or in it), for Mr. Washburn, which shows whether it was designed for him personally, or as a member of the mission, then you will know how to proceed. We will write to the donors & get them to inform you what they intend in [illegible] &c.

Missionary House: Boston;
30 March, 1862.

Mr. Jacob Hitchcock
Dwight Mission.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your favor of Feb. 23 permit me to say that I yesterday brought the case of your son before the Committee, when they appropriated $100 for his use, which, with the $77 you directed Mr. Hill to take from the bank on your own account, has been forwarded to Mr. Brown at Marion as you requested. Mr. Brown has also been asked to state more definitely what the present situation of your son is, & how long the present supply of funds will suffice him. The Committee will look at the case further, should it be ne-

P.S. If there is any thing about the box (or in it). for Mr. Washburn, which shows whether is [illegible] designed for him personally, or as a member of the mission, then you will know how to proceed. We will write to the donors & get them to inform you what their intent is in case cessary, and will be disposed to do for your son all that a regard to the general interests of the cause entrusted to them will permit, and we hope that he may be able to complete his studies at college, if not without perplexity & straits, yet without any such embarrassment as will be seriously injurious to him.

The prompt & cheerful response - and a most liberal one too - that has been made to the call of the Board for funds, is truly wonderful, and demands the warmest gratitude to God, who has thus opened the hearts of his people. In the light which this response sheds on the strength & prevalence of the missionary spirit, it is most encouraging. On the first of October last the Board was $67.000 in debt, and then on the first of February.

four months, the contributions and legacies are such as not only to liquidate that debt, in addition to meeting the current expenditures, but also to leave $8,000 in the treasury: thus giving in four months, about $75,000 beyond the current expenditures. Still, we fear there will be a great falling off in the remaining months of the year; partly owing to the opinion that our wants are supplied; & partly to the depressed state of trade and the pressure on the money market, and both connected with the low price of produce & labor. We must not, however, despond or indulge in anxious forebodings. The faithfulness of God has been too often proved, & his providential interpositions in behalf of his cause have been too many & too marked, to justify such feeling. Let us pray, & labor & trust.

Very truly yours.

D. Greene

Missionary House, Boston,
30 March. 1842.

Rev. Sherman Hall
La Pointe.

My Dear Sir,

Your list of purchases and your statement respecting the mission, both dated 2 Feb. 1842, came to hand yesterday. I write now briefly just to acknowledge your communications, and to say that the Committee will take up your estimates for the expenditures of the Station at as early a day as their other labors will permit. Not knowing what the cost of the articles which you wish to have purchased will be, I do not know the full amount of your estimates, and can express no opinion as to what the Committee will say on allowing it. If it is not more than what you had last year, adding the expenses of Mr. Wheeler's family, I trust the Committee will feel able to allow it.

In the purchasing & forwarding of your goods there may be some more delay than we could desire, in consequence of our having just at this time to make many purchases for the Sandwich Islands, which may occupy all the force we have in that department for most of the month of April. After that I hope your matters may immediately be attended to.

If Mr. Coe can give the requisite attention to purchasing provisions &c. for you in Ohio, I presume it will be the most economical and safe arrangement you can make. I see no cause to object to it in any respect.

Before this shall reach you, you will probably have received a letter from me, authorizing you on behalf of the Committee to visit New England next autumn; so that you will feel at liberty to do so, if yourself and your brethren shall at that time think such a course advisable. The question how much printing shall be done can be settled when you arrive.

Your account of the schools and preaching at your station during the past winter is more encouraging than any previous report on that subject, both as indicating the energy with which you are taking hold of the work, & the disposition of the Indians to come under the influence of instruction. I trust the Lord will enable you to go forward with all you have begun, and even to ex-

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and your labors and usefulness in other ways,
and aid in all your undertakings, you may
see that you are not laboring in vain.
The reviving in your church, and the better
feeling manifested by its members, especial-
ly the exemplary conduct of the native
members are peculiarly encouraging.
I do trust your brethren at Pokegama
will find their field soon opened to them again,
and be left unmolested to prosecute their
labors for the people who have heretofore
manifested so much readiness to avail
themselves of the advantages offered.

Please give my Chris-
tian regards to Mrs. Hall, Mr.
& Mrs Wheeler, Mr. & Mrs. Sproat,
Miss Spooner, & Doct. Borup.
Of Henry Blatchford at Mackinaw
I have no distinct remembrance. I am
glad to hear so favorable an account
of him and his usefulness. I hope he has
but just begun his career of doing good.

Very truly yours,

David Greene

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male Seminary in your place,
persume, is worthy of their considera-
tion; but you know that

Missionary House, Boston;
12 April, 1842.

Hon. Wm. Chamberlain,
[illegible], Me.

My Dear Sir,

Your letter of March 21st has this day been submitted to the Prudential Committee, and they have authorized the Treasurer to add $15 and now to the $25 previously appropriated for the travelling expenses of your daughter, which we suppose, as the travelling now is, will be sufficient for defraying her expenses on the journey home.

The 80 copies of the Dayspring which you order will be sent as you direct.

Your suggestion respecting Indians sending their daughters to the female seminary in your place, I presume, is worthy of their consideration; but you know that most of them [illegible] to start in a few weeks.

Very truly yours,
D Greene

the Indians do all such things injudiciously and to disadvantage. If all the money which they have, wittingly or unwittingly, wasted on the Choctaw Academy were now in their possession, to be expended wisely and honestly, it would educate all the young Indian men for fifty years, who would desire to get a better education than they could ~~by~~ obtain in their own country.

I am glad to hear so favorable an account of the health of your family. We are well here and the affairs of the Board going on prosperously, being above out of debt.

The churches in this city and in many parts of New England are blest with revivals of much interest & power.

We are told that such company is offered that your daughter expects to start in a few weeks. Very truly yours,

D Greene

Missionary House, Boston,
13 April 1842.

Rev. John Dunbar
Pawnee Mission.

My Dear Sir,

Your favor of 31 July was received on the 6th of September, and just before the annual meeting of the Board, — when it was much needed, as I had nothing before receiving it, from which anything like a report of your mission could be made. With your letter I was able to make quite a satisfactory statement.

I was truly glad that the way seemed to be open for yourself & your associate to remove to the Indian villages, & to place yourselves more directly and more steadily in contact with those to whom your labors are most devoted. Even if the Indians should not congregate around you and lead a settled agricultural life, still you might hope to have them near you, or a portion of them, during a considerable part of the year. & the very fact of your dwelling near their villages, on their lands, and away from the white settlements, would strongly tend to interest them in you, to appropriate you to themselves, & to listen to your instructions. At the same time you must feel a deeper interest in the Indians, being out there, & having them so much more of the time, & in so much greater numbers around you.

As to building at your new station must leave you very much to your own good judgment. Two or three suggestions I would, however, make. Do not put up any expensive buildings until you ~~are~~ are very sure that you have found the right place for them — the place where your health, your convenience and your usefulness among the Indians will be most promoted. Not a little expense and labor & inconvenience would have been saved at many of our Indian stations had such a hint been attended to. — Do not build much beyond what your existing necessities require. You can enlarge afterward as cir-

can now give, effectual to the salvation of many of the Indians. You must also pray & hope for this. Do not write me [illegible] till you are stronger. I hope I shall not again delay writing so [illegible] unusual. Very unusual & constant pressure of labor since the Annual meeting in September, is the cause of the seeming neglect. But I have often thought of you with much interest. Please write soon.

Very truly yours

D. Greene

cumstances may require, and generally with less expense, and probably more to your own convenience, as you will have more experience to guide you.— Of course I hardly need say that you must incur as little expense as circumstances will permit. You must have dwellings which are healthful & comfortable; but in doing this, study economy as I am sure you are disposed to do.

I have been hoping to receive a letter from you before this time, informing me what your present prospects are, especially in respect to the Pawnees settling in and changing their mode of life & soon getting steady access to adults & children; also whether the agent is going on to fulfil the stipulations of the government in providing stock and implements for the Indians, and supporting farmers among them. We hardly dare to send any more laymen till we know more what course is to be pursued by the government. We greatly desire to send out one or two preachers to join you with a physician; but where we shall obtain them we know not. I hope you will not be entirely discouraged by this delay. We understand there are some young men in Lane Seminary who are disposed to go to the Indians. We are doing what we can to get hold of them. The result we cannot yet foresee. As it lies with the Lord to save by many or by few, we may hope that he may pour out his Spirit & make [illegible] the little and [illegible] instruction which you can now give, effectual to the salvation of many of the Indians. You must also pray & hope for this. Do not work an hour before breakfast till you are stronger. I hope I shall not again delay writing you for so long a time. May God keep you in your lonely

Missionary House, Boston;
13 April, 184[illegible].

Mr. Saml. Allis
Pawnee Mission.

Dear Sir,

Your two letters of Sept. 1st and Feb. 14th have both been received,—the latter on the 5th instant. I very much regret, that so long a time has elapsed since I wrote you in your return. Nothing but a pressure of business, that has obliged me to neglect my correspondence more than ever before in the fifteen years in which I have been in this work, would have permitted your letters to lie so long neglected. I hope such an apparent oversight will not soon occur again. Why your papers & Heralds have not reached you I cannot tell. I suppose of course, that they are regularly sent by mail as ordered. It would be well for you to learn what address would be most likely to find its way to you and inform me what it is. Then we would give all our communications to secure the fairest chance of reaching their destination.

I regret to learn that the pestilence of intoxicating drinks is getting into the Pawnee country. But without bold, energetic, and honest agents, and military, with decided and positive instructions from the Government, it will be impossible to make much head against the evil: & even with all these, it is not easy to counteract the avarice and evil passions of men. To what a terrible probation is the Lord subjecting the poor Indians almost every where! Their salvation, in every sense of it, seems to hang on the power of the Gospel & the Holy Spirit; and these will follow a well directed & faithful christian agency. May his gracious providence cause these soon to bear upon all these neglected tribes.

I am glad that you can give so good an account of the soil, climate & healthfulness of the Pawnee country. May the richest spiritual blessings follow where the Lord has so kindly prepared dwelling places for the Indians & those whom he has sent to teach them his gospel. You need to feel that your strength is in the Lord. The more faithfully you serve him – the more importunately you pray – & the larger & stronger your expectations of spiritual blessings from him are the more will he be pleased, & the greater display of his grace will he make to you & the ignorant people around you. How much better & more fully equipped for the missionary work, as far as numbers and other outward means are concerned, than was Brainerd, at any period of his successful missionary ~~[illegible]~~ career! Why should not as great success attend you there, as attended the labors of him single handed? Why may you not hope ~~that~~ the dwellers [illegible] as the Indians of the ~~Delaware & Susquehanna~~ may join him on the Platte? Why be disheartened? Why expect no ~~[illegible]~~ success till you are reinforced? The same gracious God & Savior, the crucified Savior, & the same almighty Spirit, is as able now to work as he was 100 years ago. All reinforcements are worthless without him; with him the smallest number is a host.

Very truly yours in Christ, D Greene

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Missionary House. Boston.
13 April, 1842.

Mr. George B. Gaston,
Pawnee Mission.

Dear Sir,

Your two letters of September 1, & Jan 13th have come to hand, the last on the 5th instant. As I have apologized for my delay in writing, in my letter just written to your associates, I will not occupy time for it now, and as many other duties are pressing upon me, I must now have write as [illegible].— As we have received from yourself or either of the other members of the mission no order for supply of any kind we have no boxes on hand directed to your mission, we are sending nothing. Your orders when you forward any, should, I suppose, reach as we have to have the things sent reach St Louis in March, as during the month of April the boats they go up the more furthest one, I believe, accustomed to start. We are receiving valuable boxes of donations from the friends of missions & could send a portion of them to your mission, if they could go safely and would be useful. On these points we need to be informed. Clothing, shoes, & most other things which you have to purchase had better be purchased here, unless it is found that the expense of getting them from St. Louis will, on the whole, be less.

On the question of cattle kept by Messrs. Dunbar & Allis I do not know what to say without a fuller acquaintance with the facts. How many they keep, the uses or disadvantages of them, I am uninformed about. I doubt not that there is a decided tendency among missionaries in circumstances similar to yours, to run into secular employments too much, & to an extent it has not unfrequently been done, which seriously interfered with their appropriate labors, & their spirituality of mind. In the present case I can have no opinion. Of this I am hence that you all need, with the most assiduous care, to cultivate spiritual religion — to walk with God — the Spirit of Christ within you, and to keep up in your souls a clear & affecting view of the death of Christ for your own sins & for the sins of the poor Indians around you. Nothing short of this can make you useful or save them. I hope that none of you will feel that there is any insurmountable obstacle in the way of your seeing wonderful displays of God's love & power in the remote & rude regions where you are. The same God who is now working by his Spirit gloriously in this city and all around can as easily work & is as ready to work the work of salvation among the Pawnees. He is able & this you must not doubt. Why then may we not hear this very season of the displays of his power & grace?

Very truly, yours in Christ,

D. Greene

Missionary House, Boston,
28 April. 1842.

Rev. Henry H. Spalding,
Oregon Mission.

Dear Sir

Before this will reach you, you will doubtless have received mine, written about the first of March, & forwarded both round the Cape & overland. By that letter you will see to what a painful dilemma the Committee were reduced; & what measures they felt compelled, in view of the statements then before them from nearly all the members of the mission, and the opinions of several members of the Sandwich Island mission to adopt. The course of proceeding was painful to the Committee and must ~~have be~~ extremely so to yourself and all your associates in the case. As the Committee cannot probably act upon intelligence not yet received from the mission before this letter will be forwarded, I will only say on this point, that it may be expedient, if no decisive steps shall have been taken in conformity with the instructions of the Comee just adverted to, to have a meeting of the mission, as soon as convenient after receiving this; and if it shall be thought proper by the brethren, in view of the state of things & the prospects, as they then may be, to continue the several stations and departments of labor till further instructions shall be received from the Committee, they may feel authorized to do so. I shall endeavor to write again by the earliest conveyance overland.

It may be thought that the Committee, before they adopted such a course as they did should have more thoroughly investigated the affairs of the mission. But a little reflection will show you all how impracticable such an investigation would have been without incurring an expense of time & money which the circumstances of the case would not justify. Besides, they could not suppose that in the state of mind in which most of the members of the Mission are, any investigation could result in measures much different from those which the Comm. adopted. The Com. entertain no other than the kindest feelings towards all the members of your mission and so sincerely desire that they may labor happily and successfully in their work. If the brethren in your mission can thus labor, harmoniously, with hope, and with sound Christian judgment and that too permanently, nothing would afford ~~us~~ more hearty satisfaction to the Com. But in order to this they are convinced that there must be more Christian meekness — more regard to each others rights & feelings, — more subordination of ~~the~~ private feelings and aims to the general good — more faith & patience, and more care to guard against conduct and language which occasion reproach.

That you may all realize whose Master you serve, for what object he has sent you into his vineyard, and in heart & life & action become conformed to such a service, and be owned of God as messengers of salvation to thousands of the heathen, is our prayer.

Very truly yours, D. Greene

Missionary House. Boston,
20 April, 1842

Rev. Asa B. Smith
Oregon Mission.

Dear Sir,

Before this [illegible] is,
ior, you will, I presume, have received one among the
sent some two months since via the Islands
copies of what were also forwarded early in
March across the Mountains. I need there-
fore in this ~~to~~ little more than acknowl-
edge yours of the 29th of April 1841, and
d of August ~~both of which~~ were received on
the 21st instant. The substance of
what I wrote to the Oregon Mission was
also stated to the brethren of the reinforce-
ment who remain, as we are informed
ce or the Sandwich Islands, where this
if it reaches you at all, will probably
find you.

You need not be informed

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that the letters, which led the Committee to take the steps ~~we~~ stated in the letters just adverted to, were extremely painful; and now that other letters have come to hand, informing us that harmony is, in a good degree, restored among the ~~several~~ members of the mission; that there is no occasion for being discouraged; & that all the members of the mission would be averse to discontinuing it, yourself excepted, we are greatly perplexed. The Committee have at no time thought that there was sufficient cause for ~~[illegible]~~ abandoning the mission, aside from its divided state and the and the disheartening feeling which prevailed among its members. What will be the result we know not. We hope in a few weeks to receive letters

by the Montreal express, which may
throw some more light on the part
that ought to be pursued.

In the state of your wife's
health described by yourself & Doct Bar-
clay, the Committee are fully of the
opinion that it is best for you to return
to the United States by the earliest
good opportunity, rather than
remain at the Islands, with the
hope of her recovering in a climate
more debilitating & unfavorable for her,
than the Oregon country.

With Christian regards to your-
self & Mrs Smith,

I remain very truly yours,

D. Greene.

Mission House, Boston
20 April 1842.

Dr. M. Whitman
Near Walla Walla
Oregon.

Dear Sir,

When the case of your mission came up in February it seemed to be a perfectly clear case that the Committee should decide upon it as mentioned in my letter to yourself & the mission written about the first of March & forwarded by the Island, Montreal &c. I presume you will have received before this reaches you. Had your letter of 13th July & Mr. Spalding's of the same date 1841 been before the Com. ~~the~~ they would almost necessarily decided differently. It never has seemed to the Committee, and all the others, aside from the want of harmony, sufficiently material the difficulties or obstacles in the [illegible] Indian [illegible] Spokane [illegible] spirits, [illegible] sacrifices there was just [illegible] cause for abandoning the work.

The Committee will not probably [illegible] the mission, or even for being disheartened with regard to it. That its operations were to go on, & those great & immediate results, anticipated by some, at least, of your number in 1838, ~~[illegible]~~ were to be realized, the Committee never dared to expect; but that the mission would be useful, and the results sufficiently important to justify all the laborers which have been sent to the mission continuing in it & devoting their best energies to it, the Commee have not doubted. Perhaps, in the present state of the treasury & the calls from other missions, it might not have been thought expedient to commence the mission, were no laborers on the ground; but, when they are there, and the expenses of beginning incurred, the language in a good measure acquired, the confidence of the traders & Indians secured, and all the arrangements made for going on efficiently, the obstacles & the small number of the Indians did not seem to justify making the sacrifice involved in recalling all the laborers and abandoning the work.

P.S. From the information recently received respecting Mr. Rogers, it will not of course, be expedient to bring him in any manner into the plan ~~[illegible]~~ proposed in my former letter for settling the affairs of the mission. Let the connection remain broken. D. G.

The Committee will not probably have opportunity to reconsider the subject of your mission before this letter must be sent. They will doubtless do it at an early day, & the result will be forwarded to you by the earliest conveyance.

In the meantime you may, I think, unless the state of the mission shall be such that the brethren shall think the South branch ought to be discontinued in conformity with former instructions, venture to go on as you were going before those instructions were received. I will endeavor to forward letters to you by the earliest overland expeditions by St. Louis, or Mackinac.

I am very glad to learn that you still enjoy the confidence & kind offices of the gentlemen engaged in the trade, and that you have little to apprehend from interference of any kind or from any quarter. May the Spirit of the Lord manifest his power & grace in the conversion of the Indians, as well as in strengthening & comforting all the laborers in the mission.

We are looking to hear from you by way of Montreal in a month or two. With christian regards to yourself & Mrs. Whitman

I remain very truly yours, D. Greene.

Missionary House, Boston
9 May, 1842.

Rev. Cyrus Byington
Stockbridge, Choc. Na.

My Dear Sir,

Your letter of January 8th came duly to hand. On two or three topics which you introduce permit me to remark briefly.

As to teachers. From some information which I have obtained I think that teachers for mission schools, & probably good ones, may be obtained in adequate numbers; and also for government schools, if they are needed for them. If yourself & your brethren think it desirable that any should be put there, ensuring free admission to the Choctaw country, we should wish to know it at an early day. Please confer with Messrs. Kingsbury & Wright about the same.

A physician we have had correspondence with & hoped he would join your mission. [illegible], we are not without hope that he will still decide to enter on it. [illegible]. He has been

An army physician, of acquaintance with Indians, is said to sustain an excellent Christian character. His name is M. C. Leavenworth, resides in Connecticut. We know nothing of him personally, but what we hear is favorable. We ~~those~~ shall look after him, & if ~~he~~ he is a suitable man & wills so, he will, I presume, be sent.

Some correspondence has recently been had with three or four young men in the Lane Seminary at Cincinnati, of whom Dr. Beecher speaks well, relative to their joining some of the Indian missions as ~~point~~ preachers. One of them is a son of Mr. Bardwell of the old Choctaw mission. They seem to be willing to enter on this work, if enough can be induced to join in it to finish it off at once, — or perhaps I should say — enough to commence the work strongly in all the tribes simultaneously. But if only three or four go forth, they fear ~~that~~ the mass of the Indians will still dwindle and die off, before any large number shall have been civilized and converted. If you or Mr. Wright or Mr. Kingsbury, were to write to this young Bardwell & through him to his associates, you would be likely to get him for the Choctaws (whose language he knows something of) & perhaps some other station.

As to the point of sending out volunteers or selected missionaries, I would say that we have long since ceased to confine ourselves to the former, though we seldom pounce upon a man at random, without knowing that he is thinking of the subject, & that he possesses some of the requisite qualifications for the work. We have no objection to hiring school masters & preachers, if they will go forth for such a length of time that their going, returning & outfit shall not make too large a proportion of all that is expended upon them. But I doubt whether it is any more easy to obtain hired teachers than those who go on the common basis.

As to hiring slaves — If you do as your exigencies seem to require and your consciences in view of all the circumstances direct, I don't think the Committee will find fault with your proceeding.

You can draw on Dom. Weed for the $30 or $50 you mention, for your daughter's expenses. It will in no way incommode Mr. Hill.

I shall hope to receive the annual report of your mission before the first of August.

Such has been the prompt & liberal response to the call of the Board last September, that we hope to close the year little if at all in debt. This is wonderful & shows the progress made in this world by God's blessing. — With Christian regards to Mr. & Mrs. [illegible] & friends, I remain very truly yours, D. Greene

Missionary House. Boston, 19 May. 1842.

Rev. Cyrus Kingsbury,
Pine Ridge.

My Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 18th Dec. came to hand on the 4th of January. As it contained little that demanded any immediate reply, it has been neglected till this time. — We have no doubt the Committee in their perplexities have much sympathy from the missionaries and many prayers going up in their behalf. This strengthens them. And they are strengthened in their labors & hand by the conviction that the missionaries have given themselves away to Christ in this work, & while his providence & Spirit have called them, that he will not forsake & confound them in it. Nor can we believe that Christ, after having caused his people in almost every land, just of his visible kingdom to enter into the work of his hand.

almost simultaneously, of converting the nations to him, will suffer the wheels to be rolled backward, or even greatly retarded, & that too when they are relying on his promises. Of the strong hold which the missionary work has taken ~~of~~ on the minds of the Christian community coöperating with the Board, & the promptness & liberality with which they ~~would~~ will come forth, when they see that there is an emergency, we have had a most striking example ~~in~~ since the annual meeting in September last. On the 1st of last October the Board was in debt $67.000. On the first of February, four months later, the contributions received toward the missions, paid the whole of that debt, & left a small ~~balan~~ balance in the treasury; And up to the first of May they had exceeded, by more than $20.000, the whole receipts of the last year. We hope to finish out the year Aug. 1. little, if at all in debt. For this the Lord is to be praised.

Miss Avery, I am informed, has reached you, & I hope she is usefully and happily engaged in her work. I trust that Mrs. Kingsbury will be somewhat relieved from her cares & burdens.

Please give my regards to Miss Cyrus, & say that her father called on me lately, apparently in good health, & said he left his family well.

With Christian regards to Mrs. K. and yourself

I remain very respectfully yours,

D. Greene

Missionary House, Boston;
9 May, 1842.

Mr. Jared Olmstead.
Norwalk, Ohio.

Dear Sir,

Your letter ~~of [illegible]~~ came duly to hand, and its contents gave me much satisfaction. I do not think that your usefulness, or health, or enjoyment will be, in the long run, [illegible] for taking hold and performing a large portion of the labor of building your house, and should circumstances call for it, and you should break off from your ordinary course of life, and perform a similar labor once in a year or two hereafter, do I think it would be any injury to your character, or health, or to your influence and usefulness among the ~~[illegible]~~. I am perfectly aware that ~~the~~ the members of your mission church [illegible] a people as the Choctaws [illegible] they [illegible] preaching.

work in their appropriate departments of labor, for all their time and strength; & as it is very desirable that they should be devoted to these. But still there are circumstances when even the preacher may for a time turn to manual labor, not forgetting his character or the great object for which he labors. And if there was no other way, it might be the duty of a preacher, among a heathen population or a nominally christian one, to support himself by the avails of his own labor, even if it required six days out of seven to do it. He might even in that case, ~~[illegible]~~ make an intelligible offer of the gospel to the people, & by his Sabbath labors & his common intercourse with them & his example, guide them to heaven. If we cannot do all for a people that we would, or that our whole time might enable us, we must do what we can, by all means teaching them what is requisite for their deliverance from sin and securing heaven, if they will.

If there is a good opportunity for you to ~~labor~~ teach a government school, and your influence as a religious man is not thereby diminished, while your expenses will be paid, you had better embrace the offer.

As to boarders, — it would be hardly desirable that you should take any if thereby your expenses are to be much increased — certainly not within laying the case before the Committee and obtaining their approbation.

You have not yet informed me where your station which you call Norwalk, is. In your next, which I hope to receive before the time for making out the annual report, please state its bearing & distance from Wheelock & Towson.

I do not see now why, with the blessing of God on your labors, you may not be happy and useful in the field where you are located. If you are diligent, humble, prayerful, docile, & sincerely attached to your work as one which the Savior has called you to in which you may best honor him he will bless you.

Give my christian regards to Mrs Olmstead, and believe me to be

Very truly Yours,
D Greene

the conversion of the heathen to God. The first question with a missionary should not be, how comfortable a living he may rightfully claim from his brethren of the church at home, but how a given amount of ~~means~~ necessary means may, with the

Missionary House, Boston,
10 May. 1842.

Rev. Dan'l S. Butrick
Cherokee Mission.

My Dear Sir,

The remarks in your letter of Nov. 10th, relating to the importance [of] missionaries exerting themselves to keep down their expenses, in the use of means, I approve, so far as such efforts do not seriously interfere with the accomplishment of the great end for which they labor. All our missionaries can bear testimony that they have been very frequently exhorted to make such efforts, even to the extent, that the Committee have been almost thought by some to be regardful of the saving of money more than the conversion of the heathen to God. The great question with a missionary should not be, how comfortable a living he may rightfully claim from his brethren of the church at home; but how a given amount of ~~means~~ pecuniary means may, with the blessing of God, be made to advance most to the universal spread of the gospel & the salvation of men. This is carrying out the spirit of Christ as seen Phil. 2:6,7. If the question were uniformly put in this shape, and every missionary family should endeavor to answer it satisfactorily in their own case, there would doubtless be a considerable saving at many stations.

But perhaps missionaries would say that living on a small annual sum involves the necessity of their devoting a good deal of time and labor to secular labor & affairs. My own impression is, in view of the facts, so far as I have examined them, that, with few exceptions, that the expensiveness of mission families has increased, rather than diminished, with the increase of secular labor, though such labor was designed to prevent such a result. Wages & boarding, stock and company & various losses more than ~~and~~ consumed all the gains.

Hence I fully agree with you that it is desirable that the missionary should be encumbered with as few cares & labors of a secular nature & have as little property to manage as can possibly consist with his comfort nd efficiency as a missionary. These have ng, if not ever, been the views of the Committee d while, with very few exceptions, missionary laborers have been constantly prone to add building, fields & herds, & to gather an establishment, the Committee have struggled against, but to a great extent in vain. If the mission families find themselves buried beneath a load of secular labors and care of property, they must not accuse the Committee of imposing it upon them, excepting the boarding school establishments, or others ~~[illegible]~~ by which some special object was sought to be accomplished; and of these there have been much fewer than the urgent solicitations of the missionaries would have called in to being. The fact is, as I presume you are well aware, that this being encumbered with secularities is in opposition to the wishes & the strenuous efforts of the Committee. They desire nothing so much as small quiet preaching stations, where the missionary has little else to do but attend to the peculiar labors of his calling.

Respecting the allowances to native preachers &c. I can only say that they have grown to what they are by the earnest & repeated recommendations of missionaries in the same region.

I am glad to learn that the Lord was still prospering you when you last wrote. — With Christian regard to Mrs. Batch, I remain very respectfully yours

D. Greene

Missionary House. Boston,
12 May. 1842.

Charles Borup Esq.
La Pointe

Dear Sir,

Your favor of Nov. 16 came duly to hand, and for the draft inclosed our treasurer has, I believe, sent you a receipt, and also the Missionary Herald for which he has paid the publisher.

We have this day shipped the goods purchased here for the mission and for yourself, agreeably to Mr. Hall's order, all of which we hope you will receive safely and in due time. There has been some weeks delay in making the purchases & getting the goods off, in consequence of our having a large order for goods from the Sandwich Islands mission, which, as the vessel could not be detained, we must get ready at once. No serious inconvenience, we hope, will be occasioned by the delay.

Relative to the unpleasant position in which yourself and Mr. Hall appear haps I should say, the mission, have stood to each other, I know very little. From Mr. Hall's letters I inferred that there was not that cordiality of feeling which formerly existed between you and them; but the source, nature, or particulars of the difficulty I was altogether uninformed till sometime after Mr. Jarvis' return; & from him I obtained but little light on the matter. Mr. Hall has never written otherwise than ~~of~~ respectfully and kindly concerning you, when he had occasion to ~~the~~ advert to you. I regret ~~that~~ the any desire to evade this matter should have prevented your coming to Boston. Christian frankness & candor in looking at and talking over ~~such~~ points of difficulty is the most thorough and sure way of healing breaches and restoring harmony & friendship. It gives me pleasure to hear from you that you contemplate soon visiting the east again, when I shall hope to see you here. And it gives me still more pleasure to learn from a second letter of Mr. Hall, that the unfriendly aspect which affairs wore, seems to be disappearing, & that harmony and mutual good feeling seem likely to be restored. I earnestly pray that it may be so; & that you both, in your different spheres, may long labor for the spread of Christian knowledge & piety among the Indians in your part of the world. But I suppose that I need not write much on these matters now, as I really know too little respecting them to say a word that I could hope would be appropriate or of much good effect. If you come this way, as I suppose Mr. Hall is expecting to do before another winter, we may look at the matter & converse upon it, if anything remains to be adjusted, as I trust there will not.

As to a chest of tools about which Mr. Hall wrote in your behalf.—We find that they are of all ~~sizes~~ prices from $20 to $100, varying according to the number and finish of the articles included. We cannot answer more definitely without knowing more exactly what you want.

With Christian regard to Mrs. [illegible], I remain very truly yours. David Greene

Missionary House. Boston,
10 May. 1842.

Miss Hannah Moore
Dwight Mission.

Dear Madam,

Your favor of the 30th March reached me on the 29 of April, & it gave me much pleasure to receive so full an account of your labors and the circumstances in which you are placed, while I am sorry to learn that all things in relation to your situation and labors do not go on so to your satisfaction. I am sorry also that you do not find so much labor to perform as you wish & think yourself able to do. If you are disposed to labor beyond your strength, it is well that some restraint is placed upon you; but if you really lack that amount of labor to which your strength is adequate I can only say that I trust it will not long be so. My own opinion is that experience has shown that the same person ought not to have the charge of the girls both in school and one, for any considerable length of time, & can not calculate on health in such a course, in the Arkansas climate. For a few months in a year, it may not ~~one~~ produce serious ill effects. In the circumstances of the case, therefore, I was not sorry to learn that Mr. Day was to teach the girls for the winter, while the boys' school was not immediately to be reopened. But that Miss Stetson should return to Dwight and take the girls out of your care when not in school, I was disappointed at, especially as ~~then~~ she returned to the Cherokee country with the understanding that she could not ~~like~~ labor at a large station with so much care & confusion as there must be there, & when she informed me that all the arrangements were made for her going to reside & teach under the patronage of a Cherokee family in another part of the nation. The reasons which led her to ~~so~~ change her plan & resume her labors at Dwight, and led the mission family to sanction the arrangement you mention, I, of course, am not informed of, & know not how far they would appear to be adequate, did I fully understance there. Of one thing I think you may be certain, — that you will not long be detained in the mission without having labor enough — and useful labor too, devolved upon you. I hope to write Mr. Hitchcock soon on this subject.

I have not written to your sister respecting her becoming associated with you, as in the present state of the schools at Dwight, there does not seem to be a call for her labors, though I am not certain that another female teacher should not be sent on the ensuing fall. I hope ~~[illegible]~~ seasonably to hear from the station so as to obtain and send a teacher, if one is needed. If you wait quietly, laboring on in the sphere in which Providence seems for the present to be opening for you, I have little doubt that you will ere long find yourself things working right, and your hands full of such labor as you will be satisfied with. With christian regards to all, I remain very truly your friend in Christ

David Greene.

Missionary House, Boston,
13th May, 1842.

Mr. Cornelius Rogers.
Fort Vancouver.

Dear Sir,

When I wrote you, about the first of March, I was not aware that you had ceased to labor in connection with the Missionaries of our Board in the Oregon country, though your letters had prepared me to suppose ~~that~~ it might be so. Yours of May 27th 1841, informs me that your connection with the Mission had then terminated. Of course what I wrote you in mine referred to above, & to Doct Whitman at the same time, relative to certain arrangements, which, had you remained connected with the Mission & been so disposed, would have embraced you, will, so far as regards your labors are concerned, will be regarded as of no effect.

Though not engaged ~~in~~ directly in missionary labors, I trust you will still feel an interest in the Indians, and that if you remain in connection with the Hudson Bay Company, you will use all the opportunities which that connection peculiarly affords to exert an influence for their religious and social improvement & thus, as far as possible accomplish the object for which God in his providence brought you into the Oregon country. A weighty responsibility also rests upon you, should you remain in the country, to spare no pains to sow the seeds and lay the foundations for piety & good morals among the population which will doubtless, in the lapse of a few years, flow into the more habitable portions of that wide territory. If you prayerfully follow the leadings of God's providence, he will make you useful.

Very truly yours.

D. Greene

Missionary House [illegible]
13 May. 18[illegible]

Rev Sherman Hall,
La Pointe.

My Dear Sir,

Your favor in the date of Octr 1st has not, I believe, been yet acknowledged. It was somewhat longer on the way than was expected, so that I thought it probable, if I wrote immediately, that navigation on Lake Superior would be closed before it would get through. It has therefore lain along till this time, [illegible] as I saw nothing in it requiring special attention. My letter containing the appropriation of the Committee for your visiting New England in this season, you have, I presume, received before this time.

Please inform Mr. Wheeler that his letter of Sept 20th has also been received, & has lain over for the same reason. Please say to him also that the Mission the Vaccine virus which he sent for was forwarded to him some weeks since, put up by our port physician in the safest manner, which I hope has reached him in good condition. The postage was considerable; but as it was to be used in the government service, they would pay for it. It is but a small matter, compared with having the virus in a good state.

The goods purchased according to your order were forwarded to Mr. Hulbert two or three days ago. As you did not inform us definitely what articles or what portion of any one item we might withhold, if the funds of the Board would not admit of sending it, we have sent the whole. Nor did we know how much inconvenience or evil the withholding any portion of what you sent for might occasion. The best way in making out an order for purchases is to put down only what are really needed by the mission fairly for their health and comfortable and efficient prosecution of their work; & if a curtailment should be absolutely required by the state of the treasury, then state in what articles can be dispensed with or what diminished & to what extent with the least inconvenience or injury.

I am much rejoiced to learn that pleasant intercourse between yourself and Mr. Boutwell is to some extent restored. Have you made allowance enough for the peculiarity of his situation, his early education, and the influences which are operating upon him from without?

The impression is abroad to some extent that very little is done at La Pointe for the instruction and improvement of the Indians; & that nearly all the time & strength of the missionaries are expended in taking care of themselves. What foundation for this there is, or whether there is any, I, of course, cannot say. Some who have been at the place tell such stories. It is very desirable that you should consider the matter, and if there is even the appearance of fault on this point, let it be amended as far as possible. The allowances for the missions we hope to get before the Committee in June or July. Very truly yours.

D. Greene

Missionary House, Boston,
1 June, 1842.

Doct. R. L. Dodge
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 1 May, came duly to hand, & was yesterday laid before the Prudential Committee, when they voted to dismiss you from the further service of the Board in conformity with your request.

The connection of Mrs. Dodge with the Board will of course be regarded as expiring at the same time with yours.

Our sincere desire & prayer is that the Lord will give you wisdom and grace to be useful and to promote his cause in whatever sphere he may call you to labor.

Very truly yours, David Greene
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Missionary House. Boston;
1 June. 1842.

Mr. Jacob Hitchcock
Dwight Mission

My Dear Sir,

Yours of May 5 enclosing one from Doct. Dodge, came duly to hand and were yesterday laid before the Committee; when he, in compliance with his request, was released from further connection with the Board. We have been sorry ever since his last return to the Cherokee country that he has adopted the course he did. In supposing that the Committee or any other person connected with the Board authorized him to pursue such a course, especially in relation to trade, he is utterly mistaken. What he proposed to me before he left, & which I assented, was altogether a different matter. — But it is of little use to dwell on these things now.

I think he is desirous to oblige you to take the property of the shop and pay him those seem disproportioned to the results.

thing necessary better for it, in the manner you describe; but
easy to say, the temporalities cannot be [illegible] the prob-
labours [illegible] city will amount to some amount, it is not poss-
I understand by your letter to do any thing apart from your opinion. The Com-
is thus it would not be mittee find no fault with you for furnish-
a boys school up the money. That was probably the bet-
been conducted course. I presume that it is given that he should
the mission. What will there do for a
Teachers we can obtain for you, physicians & others, I presume. I don't know,
but we should hardly venture to send [illegible] list, and so
one, without knowledge [illegible] to the person. As we
your opportunity many times said respecting a
founded boys school is teacher for your station, we will do
what we can. From Mrs Moore's letter recently
received, I perceive that she [illegible] disappointments respect-
that they ing the school, I do not know precisely what
she has to say. In reason hardly right to keep so
from the many [illegible] teachers at the station, with
fill, especially [illegible] property invested, and so much
returns to hard labor merely to sustain a school
state distinctly of twenty or fifty girls. The outlay and show
seem disproportioned to the results. However

thing more & better can be done it is not so easy to say, as long as we have not suitable laborers to sustain other departments. As I understand your letters, your opinion is that it would not be advisable to have a boys school, even if the requisite laborers could be had. Am I right in this? Teachers we can obtain for you, I presume; but we should hardly venture to send one, without knowing more on what your opposition to a boys school is founded.

From Miss Moore's letter recently received, I perceive that her situation is not that she expected or desires. She thinks she has been to a great extent shut out from the place which she went out to fill, especially since Miss Stetson has returned to the station & taken the girls. The return of Miss S. to Dwight surprises us, as she stated distinctly when she left that she could not remain there; & both she & the Com^ee understood it as a condition of her going, that she would reside at another place.

Very truly yours, D. Greene.

Missionary House. Boston,
3 June, 1862.

Mr. Hanson Bradley,
Cattaraugus.

Dear Sir,

Your favor written in March came duly to hand. The circumstances in which you commenced your labors at Cattaraugus [illegible] pretty well seen. This understood by the Committee at the time when the case came before them. We have hoped, even in this unfavorable crisis, you would be useful, & so in [illegible] your [illegible], [illegible] only as a teacher, but as a counsellor for the Indians & the mission family, & as [illegible] to each other, who in all practical ways seeks for the spiritual good of the Indians. I trust so far they all confide in you as a true and faithful friend. How far acquaintance with [illegible] be in danger [illegible] their character and interests [illegible] I cannot say.

Missionaries are liable to over-estimate [illegible] ...ous, greater in proportion to the extent in which they are engaged, — one is [illegible] to [illegible] external means [illegible] those means [illegible] do not bear immediately on the spiritual interests of the people: — & the [illegible], that when they do labor directly for the spiritual good of the heathen, they don't do it religiously enough — as if they were working for God, and that all efforts & means would be available only so far as he add his peculiar blessing. They labor too secularly, depending on the adaptation & power of the means expecting that success will follow & souls be converted ~~in~~ according to the same laws that a boy in school learns to read or a girl to sew. This is a great ~~[illegible]~~ mistake & a great defect.

As to the departments of labor I do not question the [illegible] importance of them all [illegible] in missions generally. The point is to give them [illegible] their proportioned to each other, in the [illegible] to have the appropriate importance attached to each; & then to prosecute all in the right spirit.

How far Mr. Bliss may be in danger of secularizing himself I cannot say. We have all supposed that his plan for raising stock, that the avails might aid in educating & supporting his children, was not a wise one. Still as he attached much importance to it, and it was one of isment, we consented to leave him try it while we neither sanctioned nor disapproved it. After [illegible] the same that are yours, at least two weighty objections to it, which he would soon see, — probably before it should do much harm and abandon it. One or both of them we suppose he has already seen; & from what he lately wrote, we infer that he will not prosecute the plan much further.

As to the importance of visiting among the people I doubt not that you are right. The great obstacle in the way of this is the want of a knowledge of the language, & the expense of interpreters. Still, something may be a gain here, & I trust time will be [illegible] with good results.

With distinguished regards to Mrs. [illegible] [illegible].

I remain with [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] modifica-

[illegible]

June 3d, 1862

Mission House Boston

Rev. A. [illegible] Rockwood

3 June 1862

Cattaraugus

Dear Sir,

and [illegible] of [illegible] Tale [illegible] so far as you find them applicable to your own case. [illegible] others about [illegible] and the expenditures of [illegible] the [illegible] for the [illegible] year, the circumstances [illegible] stances of the past are utterly [illegible] in re- lying [illegible]

your essay on raising up native labourers [illegible] which you forwarded to me in November last. I ought to have acknowledged long since. [illegible] it was laid aside & my [illegible] almost forgotten up to this time. [illegible] that I think the statements are [illegible] two or three years. That there are some [illegible] a call [illegible] [illegible] publicity [illegible] I cannot particularly detailed [illegible] the general [illegible] Still [illegible] with a few modifications I see no objection to [illegible] I do not think however that any essay [illegible] would appear at the present time. If there should [illegible] of the contributions, it would be [illegible] the [illegible]

Truly yours,
[illegible]

June 3d, 1842

Rev. Gilbert Rockwood,

Tuscarora.

Dear Sir,

You will see from the foregoing circular that it is one of caution, to be sent to all the missionaries of the Board. Some need it very much; others need it less, and some, so far as the past is concerned not at all. It cannot harm any one, and is a safe measure for the Board in these days of fluctuation in pecuniary matters.

It gave me much pleasure to learn by your favor of the 31 ult., that the Spirit of the Lord is was among your Indians, and that he was exerting his renewing power on a few, as you had reason to hope. My hope & prayer is that the Lord will make still more glorious displays of his power and grace to refresh and encourage you in your labors, and to rescue the Indians from their opposers from without, from the [illegible] of their own evil hearts, and bring them into the fold of Christ. How is the new treaty going to affect your Indians? Do they remove, or remain? — Let me have a report of your schools & church up to the first of July.

Very truly yours, D. Greene

Rev. William Hall June 3rd 1862.
Allegany

Dear Sir,

The foregoing circular was sent to all our missionaries. To some the instructions & remarks are little applicable so far as the past is concerned. But to all they will show that also the principles in regard to remitting directions, on which the affairs of the Board are conducted, and may lead to [illegible] the proper security to be on their guard.

Your letters of Feb. 17th and May 12th have been received and have given me much joy. I rejoice in reports among the [illegible] [illegible] where [illegible] our labours, because that not only is Christ honored and souls saved, and the cause of [illegible] strengthened in this world; but also because the missionary in his loneliness, and discouragement is refreshed and feels that God is causing bread to be [illegible] to some purpose.

Great responsibility is now resting upon you, [illegible] [illegible] the keeping together in this harvest. Do not be unmindful of that responsibility, especially in receiving members to the church. To make them feel is not all, by too many seem to think. The great [illegible] [illegible] feel & act right from heart [illegible] the truth. Sober discriminating instruction, adapted to each one's capacity and condition, is the great thing. May God enable you to give this, in [illegible],

Very truly yours. [illegible]

June 3d. 1842.

Rev. Asher Wright
Seneca Mission.

Dear Sir. You will learn from the foregoing circular how important the Committee deem it to keep free from debt, & on what principles they suppose the financial affairs of the Board should be conducted. The instructions and hints, each missionary must apply to his own case so far as they are appropriate to it.

You must let me know what has been effected relative to the treaty & the removal of the Senecas to their other reservations, as I suppose that things have taken shape before this time, & it is pretty clear how the Indians will act in the case.

Let me have, early in July, a report of your station and schools up to the beginning of this month; for our annual report.

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Missionary House, Boston,
6 June, 1861.

Rev. P. P. Osunkhirhine
St Francis L. C.

My Dear Sir,

In reply to your favors of May 12th & May 25th permit me to say that both Mr. Hill & the Committee think that the end in view will be secured equally well by designating some other person, one residing in Canada, as trustee in the place of Mr. Hill, while the trouble of arranging the matter, so far as any legal forms are concerned, will be much less than they must be, if he is numbered among the trustees of the property. Select good men for trustees, such men as Mr. Strong & other men friendly to the Board would designate, & the Board will be satisfied to leave the propty held by them, in trust for your congregation. There is very little danger that any difficulty will ever occur; and if there were much more danger of it, it is doubtful whether Mr Hill's being one of the trustees would prevent or diminish it, being so far distant, and necessarily unacquainted with Canadian laws and usages. You may report to us annually any facts relative to the property or the management of it, which you think will be important or interesting for us to know.

Please inform Mr. Storrs of what I have written, giving him my Christian respects and thanking him in our behalf for the interest he has taken in the matter & the suggestions in his letter.

Very truly yours

D. Greene

Sec y A.B.C.F.M.

6th June. 1842

P.S. I have conferred with the Committee respecting your going on the contemplated journey for the newly organized Society. They do not, with the means of forming an opinion which they now have, think it best for you to go. They cannot see how the good which you might would probably accomplish would counterbalance the evil which would probably result to your people from your absence for such a time. We certainly wish you to do all the good you can, & to meet the wishes of those kind friends in Canada who have done so much to encourage & help you forward in your work, but we think that they anticipate more advantage from such a tour as you contemplate in a few weeks, than would be realized.

Yours truly D. Greene

6th June. 1862.

Rev. Saml. [illegible]
[illegible] Hilo.

My Dear Sir:

Your letters of March 3d and another later but without date, have come to hand. [illegible] [illegible] from [illegible] more. How good [illegible] [illegible] would be [illegible] existing circumstances [illegible] the [illegible].

I [illegible] many [illegible]. Some [illegible] are willing to [illegible] [illegible] Mr. Potter [illegible] [illegible] committee and inform you of the result. I should [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I am sorry to learn [illegible] your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] points.

[illegible] is doing something [illegible] cheer your hearts. Very truly yours [illegible]

June 17th. 1842.

Rev. D. S. Butrick
Mt Zion.

My Dear Sir,

Yours of the 25th April came on the 4 inst. On the point of the internal government of the mission, let me say that the Committee have no objections to the plan you propose, if the members of the mission prefer it and will join to carry it into effect. Whether it is expedient to oblige them to adopt it, under existing circumstances, the Committee doubt.

We should be glad to have a well written report from every missionary under the care of the Board, as often, at least, as once a year; but how to secure it we do not know. Sometimes when we depend on the individual members, we get no reports at all, or reports from only half the stations; and it is easier sometimes to make one man feel a responsibility for doing the whole, or to put him up to it, than it is to make half a dozen men each feel their own responsibility for their several parts.

We are glad to hear that the Lord is doing something to gather in the Cherokees and cheer your hearts. — Very truly yours,

D. Greene

Rev. Cyrus Kingsbury.
Pine Ridge.

Missionary House, Boston
9 June, 1862.

My Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 6th ult. came duly to hand, & I am glad to learn that the newly arrived labourers give promise of usefulness. In all respects I hope they may do more even than you expect from them. Is it desirable that other teachers, either male or female, should be sent to your mission?

With reference to your son let me inquire some further particulars before ~~[illegible]~~ bringing his case before the Committee. If he can be useful in ~~the~~ mission, & both yourself & he think favorably of his remaining in the work, why should he not do so? In such a case the Committee would, I presume, grant him a regular allowance. If he is to stay in the work a year or two, there is no reason, that I see, why he should not receive a suitable allowance. Please state what his views appear to be; what kind of missionary work he would perform; what allowance you would recommend for him, &c. I will then bring the matter before the Committee.

Very respectfully & truly yours,

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10 June, 1842.

Doct. Thos S. Williamson,
Lac qui Parle.

My Dear Sir,

Yours of the 8th of Feb. came to hand on the 29th of March, and it gives me much pleasure to hear of the progress of yourself & your associates in the work of preaching, schools, and translations, & that in all your labors the Lord seems in so ~~high~~ [illegible] great a degree to prosper you. From papal influence, as well as from the bane of intoxicating drinks, & the agitations of savage warfare, our prayer is that your Indians may be delivered & protected. It is pretty clear from the movements of the Romish church that no successful protestant mission is to be left without a papal mission to watch & oppose it. We are already met in almost every mission, east and west, north & south. The Lord has now his wise plans, & his various [illegible] of mercy to the world & of bringing it unto himself & the church can not be accomplished, & we must let him work on in his own way, while we labor as faithful servants in the way he marks out for us. We are now looking for Mr. Riggs [illegible] be glad to see him.

Very truly & yours in the Gospel, D. Greene.

Missionary House, Boston,
10th June, 1842.

Rev C. Byington,
Stockbridge Ch. Na.

My Dear Sir,

On the first leaf you have a circular which the Committee have instructed us to send to all the missionary stations of the Board, for [illegible] we hope to close the current financial year without any remaining debt hanging upon the treasury; yet we are not without some fear that the very fact that the [illegible] deficiency of the last three or four years is made up, the friends of missions may relax their efforts & diminish their contributions, & without great caution on our part leave us to feel deeply the debt again before a single year shall have elapsed. This will still more certainly be the fact, if the missionaries, thinking that funds are abundant, shall expend more freely and greatly increase their drafts on the treasury. We have great reason to acknowledge thankfully the remarkable interposition of God in moving his people to so great an increase of liberality in this time of emergency. What a striking exhibition it is of the growth of the missionary spirit in this country in 30 years! May the next 30 years witness a far greater [illegible]

Very respectfully & truly yours D. Greene.

Missionary House. Boston
10th June, 1842.

Mr. Alexander G. Huggins,
Lac qui Parle.

My Dear Sir. Your favor of December 20th came to hand the 19th of February. I regret very much that the requests contained in it have been overlooked so long. Now, if you have not already sent your children by Mr. Riggs, I suppose that this will be quite too late to remedy the mistake, & enable you to avail yourself of this opportunity of securing company for them on their return to their friends in Ohio. Still, if this season is in the estimation of yourself & your brother, the proper time for sending them, I cannot but hope that Mr. Riggs has taken them. The Committee will make no objection to your sending them, and to Mrs. Huggins' going with them, if that be necessary.

We rejoice with yourself and

10 June, 1862

Rev. Saml W. Pond
St. Peters

Dear Sir, Your favor of the 10th of May came duly to hand. I have time now merely to acknowledge it & to express my [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of your being [illegible] [illegible] settled by [illegible] on their present circumstances which will afford you some encouragement [illegible] [illegible]. You have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at great [illegible] discouragements. As you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] their [illegible] [illegible] some [illegible] pleasure, [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] hope that the Lord will open a wide and effectual door [illegible] the sanctifying [illegible] & effectual [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & the hindrances [illegible] [illegible] of the Indians, can throw in the way. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Mr. Hopkins [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Paul a [illegible] [illegible] of many [illegible] [illegible].

With christian regards to your wife, [illegible] [illegible] & family, I remain very truly yours

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10 June, 1862

Rev. Saml. W. Pond
St. Peter's

My Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 10th of May came duly to hand. I have time now merely to acknowledge it & to express my earnest desire that the affairs of the Sioux may soon become so far settled as to admit of your bringing your instructions constantly & steadily to bear on them, under circumstances which will afford you some encouragement to look for the desired results. You have been for a long time laboring at great disadvantage and under many discouragements. As you now know the people, know their language in some good measure, have books for their use, & many other facilities for exerting an influence upon them, may we not hope that the Lord will open a wide and effectual door & bid you to carry to them the gospel in all its sanctifying & saving power? He alone is able to effect it in the face of all the obstacles which the indifference, or the cupidity, or vices of the white men, & the blindness & hardness of heart of the Indians, can throw in the way. Let us pray & hope. He has obviously given your brethren at Lac qui Parle a strong hold of many of the Indians.

With christian regards to your wife, & your brother & family, I remain very truly yours,

that are to send. A farmer I hope we
shall be able to send in the course of the
fall or winter. [illegible] we will do all
[illegible] to find a suitable person for
the place, and appoint him [illegible]

Missionary House. Boston.
11 June 1862.

Mr. H. K. Copeland
Dwight Mission

My Dear Sir,
I am very [illegible] that
Your favor of [illegible]
5th came safely to hand. Other labors will per-
mit me to reply but briefly.

Relative to Dr. Dodge, it is not
to say that [illegible] expect [illegible] has
pursued such a course as he has. It was
certainly desirable that he should be entire-
ly a missionary laborer, conforming to
the regulations [illegible] performing the appropriate
duties of that office. [illegible] that he should
be entirely severed from the mission, althoug[h]
we regret losing his skill and labors as
a physician. Nothing, I suppose, undoubt-
edly better that he should leave the work, than
that he should continue in the same equiv-
ocable position he has been in for the last
year or two. I still hope he may [illegible]
pity it be useful [illegible] new [illegible]
while he [illegible] the station till some other one
We should be very ~~gl~~ glad to
send a good physician to Dwight, if we

had me to send. A farmer I hope we
shall be able to send in the course of the
fall or winter. At least we will do all
we can to find a suitable person for
the place and send him out.

I am very sorry to learn ~~that~~
your wife's health is so much impair-
ed. This failure of health in females is one
of the great difficulties in prosecuting the
missionary work. More missionaries leave
the field from this than from any other
& perhaps all other causes. We have nine
missionaries & assistants now at home from the sickness
and decease of their wives, and others may soon
be brought home ~~from~~ for similar reasons.
How to obviate the difficulty we do not
know. Some of the firmest & apparently
the healthiest quickly fade away; and after taking all the pains we can to send
only those females who have the promise of
health, we are very often greatly disappointed. I hope that you will continue your
labors at the station till some other one

shall arrive to take your place, unless your circumstances shall very imperiously call you away.

Mr. Hill has complied with your request relative to the donations you wished him to make from your money here. The Evangelist will be paid for from the funds of the Board.

Praying that the Lord will give yourself & all your associates health & strength & zeal to do his will, and will add his blessing to all that you do for the salvation of the Indians.

I remain, with Christian regards to Mrs. Copeland,

Very truly yours,

D. Greene Sec

Missionary House. Boston
15 June 1862.

Rev. Saml A Worcester,
Park Hill,

My Dear Sir,

When I wrote you some days since on the blank page of the printed circular, I said nothing on the question you started relating to Mr. Potter's return to the Cherokee country, because I had not then conferred with the Commee about it. Yesterday at their meeting I introduced the subject. If they were sure that the payment of $200 or $300 a year would secure the labors of Mr. & Mrs. Potter among the Cherokees, & that there would be no extra expenses to be met for buildings, fields &c. &c. — but simply that fix'd sum, & [illegible] from that they said, that they would be glad to have them resume their labors there. But the Committee think, as Mr. P. has himself been repeatedly told, that he is, without intending it, inclined to spend large sums of money, & to have a great many things of an extra character to be done — now a house to be built or repaired, now a barn or some other out building — now a field to be cleared & fenced, a horse to be purchased, &c. &c.; & that while he is a very laborious & energetic man in business, he is disposed to carry forward ~~the~~ the affairs of a station on a scale & in a manner not probably the best adapted to combine economy with usefulness. The Committee apprehend that, should he take charge of the schools [illegible] manner [illegible] proposed [illegible]

[illegible] would amount to much beyond any
sum which the Committee will think
they ought to expend in that manner
in their department now. This is the only
thing which seems to keep the Committee
from heartily & promptly encouraging the
plan you suggest.

In this the Committee may be
mistaken. They certainly feel kindly
towards Mr. Potter, and they desire
to do all they can for the
Cherokees. Perhaps you can
suggest some method in which the
objects you desire can be effected.

Mess. Chamberlin [illegible] &
Mrs. Worcester remain ~~[illegible]~~

Very truly yours

D. Greene

21 D. before yesterday I spent the evening
with your brother John but not in circum-
stances that [illegible] much conversation [illegible]
[illegible] had some bereavements [illegible]

[illegible] or two. I saw a thing supporting this [illegible] the year [illegible]

Mr. Geo. B. G[illegible] 15 June 1852

Peoria [illegible]

Dear Sir

Yours of 17th of Apr[illegible] was received on the [illegible] yesterday, at a meeting of the Committee [illegible] it was laid before them. They feel at this time that they fully understand your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] sent you a [illegible] by Boston [illegible]. If you mean all that has been used for the support of yourself & family while you have been laboring in connection with [illegible] the Mission, the Committee would not require [illegible] for it. But the expenses of your fall outfit and [illegible] were defrayed by the Board [illegible] found that should you find yourself able to [illegible] part of [illegible] movements towards complying with the request presented or annually by the Government. It is right & proper for you to expend that amount; and this I presume was mentioned to you in some letter giving reasons for your appointment, though I have not examined the copies we retained, to ascertain the fact. This money was not spent. You can confer with Messrs Dunbar & Allis in regard to it, & what you all do mutually & satisfactory to yourself & them will be approved by the Committee. Mr. Dunbar will receive any sum that is to be paid to the Board. The great thing is to have an open field, and a heart to labor faithfully, and the converting Spirit of God to give all endeavors success on the minds of the Indians.

I am truly glad to learn that there is some [illegible] movements toward complying with the stipulations of the treaty and that the band are now actually settling down, while the government agent is really entering on the work of helping & improving them. May the blessings of the Lord attend his labors & yours, & those of the missionary brethren. If things shall continue to work well, I hope we may the coming autumn send some laborers to join in the work.

With Christian regards
to Mrs. J. & to the missionary
brethren & sisters, I remain
Very truly yours,
D. Greene

Rev. J. D. Stevens St. Louis 1st June 1862.
Prairie du Chien.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 24th May came to hand. I have put up for you the remaining [illegible] of the Dayspring for [illegible] to July inclusive, also a copy of the Missionary [illegible] any maps which we have [illegible] the Monthly Concert Maps — and [illegible] the pamphlet to the publishers. [illegible] of the Spirit. I have also given ~~the~~ direction to the publishers of the [illegible] Herald ~~to send~~ copies of that work addressed to you at Prairie du Chien where you [illegible] are [illegible] may pay over to Mr. Gerrit [illegible], our agent at St. Louis; or to any of the missionaries of the Board among the Sioux or Ojibwas, if more convenient, as circumstances will not be.

The Herald which is now sent to Miss Greene the publishers will hereafter address to you. If you do not wish to receive it, you can request the Postmaster to return the pamphlet to the publishers.

It gives me pleasure to hear that yourself & family are useful in your present sphere of labor.

May the blessing of the Lord still rest on yourself & them.

With Christian regard to Mrs. Stevens,
I remain
yours &c. D. G.

June 26th, 1842

Rev. Sherman Hall,
La Pointe

My Dear Sir,

In reply to your of 16 May permit me to say when you shall arrive here, the Committee will take into consideration the pecuniary means at their disposal & the exigencies of your Indians, and do all for them that circumstances seem to permit.

On your way down you may obtain money of Mr. Edward Bingham, of Detroit, T. P. Handy, Cleveland, Jas. Crocker, Buffalo, Henry [illegible], Jr. Albany, Abijah Thomas Utica. You had better take the money as far west as you can and have it answer your purpose as current money, as the funds in hand in that quarter cannot be remitted down East without great loss.

We will send up the articles you wish after, at an early day. We have heard nothing from Mr. Ayer respecting his going to Ohio. We have understood that Mr. Mendenhall will not visit Boston this season. — The state of things at Pokegama is very disheartening. Every thing seems to go adversely for the mission. When will the Lord turn his anger away? [illegible] regards to Mrs. Hall, & all your associates, [illegible]

Yours,
D Greene.

24 June, 1842.

Rev. Cutting Marsh,
Stockbridge Mission,

Dear Sir,

Your favor of May 23 came duly to hand. I perceive from your statements that you still feel a good deal of solicitude about your people & are not a little perplexed by their waywardness. I wish that I was near enough & could sufficiently understand all the details of the case to give you some assistance in the case; but I really do not feel competent to it. From what you say I presume your [illegible] may think you are trying to govern them too much, and the old Adam remaining in them says, "we will have our own way." And on this point I think it quite possible, either that you attempt too much, or else that you let your endeavors to control them be seen too much. Perhaps you press on too many points and leave the impression that you are not unwilling to thwart their inclinations. Perhaps you have not all the patience & forbearance necessary in view of the ignorance & waywardness of such a people, and are aiming by means which seem to them to be coercive, to bring them to a standard of propriety and order, which though low enough in itself, is still higher than they, in their circumstances, can be expected to reach. After all I know very little about the minute circumstances of the case. You must be patient & kind, abounding in instruction, gently expostulating with them, drawing where you can, seldom attempting to drive, praying without ceasing for the Spirit, & the sanctification of all difficulties in the church, aim at as the end of discipline only where necessity compels it. Think what were the churches at Corinth, Galatia, & in other places & how Paul managed. May God give you light.

Very truly yours, David Greene

The circular has been approved [illegible]

Rev Asher Wright
Seneca Mission

My Dear Sir

Yours of the 13th and 20th ~~instant~~ came to hand this day. Respecting the supplemental treaty I had previously had some conversation with Mr. Hoar, who informed me that he had considerable intercourse with you, whilst attending the council. I dont suppose the Indians could do any better than they have done, considering into what a snarl their affairs had got; but they are very far from having all that is due to them, as it seems to me. But looking at the treaty arrangement as settled, we must endeavor whatever [illegible] can do for them, & make the best of the time and [illegible] of them.

Missionary House, Boston

As long visit of you this summer, I would
Chas. C. by [illegible] of the interests of the Indians and
Choctaw of the mission are depending on it to any
great degree, such a visit of you be made;
but the two months & a half that now re-
is was at [illegible] before the Semi-annual meeting of the
hand, and are to me the most busy period of the
you have whole year, so pressing I can leave
labor, with less convenience. Will not
the prospect the month of October answer about as
for the India well? or even next April or May.
Will not the views of the Indians, their pla-
you are for themselves & their families, ~~and~~ become
meet more definite & settled, & their removal
your eff to a considerable extent accomplished a
few thats few months or a year hence? After
the meeting of the Board, or next spring,
I can visit you again & more time than
of [illegible] the could possibly now be at my command. If
I go this summer, I must do it with as little delay
practicable. Let me hear from you im-
mediately, & unless much will be sacrificed, let the
visit be postponed at least till October.
In much haste truly yours. D. Greene

Missionary House. Boston
25th July, 1842

Chas C. Copeland,
Choctaw Mission.

Dear Sir

Yours of the 27 May

as was also yours of 25 January came duly to hand, and it gives us pleasure to learn that you have safely arrived in your field of labor, are enjoying good health, and have the prospect of laboring pleasantly and usefully for the Indians.

From what you write I infer that you are not engaged in one of the government schools. As to the provision [illegible] your expenditures, the Committee would prefer that you [illegible] a stated an- [illegible] allowance [illegible] than the amount [illegible]

[illegible] Hearty thanks for the [illegible] any of the other brethren of the mission with whom you can conveniently and get their opinion on the point, and then forward the estimate here for the Committee to act upon. You may state how much will be required for your personal support — how much for clothing — how much for house — how much for interpreters — how much for school books — stating what classes of expenditure embrace the indispensable and what the desirable, & what degree of importance yourself & your brethren attach to these latter classes. When this estimate shall be received, the Committee will with little delay act on it and make arrangements for your support on a definite amount.

The papers for which you ask will probably be forwarded ere long.

With Christian regards to yourself and your associate & friends — very truly yours.

Missionary House, Bo.
25 June, 1842

Mr. G. T. Sproat
La Pointe.

Dear Sir

Yours of the 7 May, forwarded by Mr. Mendenhall, came to hand four days ago. Mr. M. himself, I understand, has given up the intention of visiting Boston this season, & thus I shall not have the pleasure of an interview with him. I ~~thank~~ you for the interesting information you give respecting his character, especially as a Christian; and would be thankful to ~~that~~ Providence which has in placing such a man at your post, done such a kindness both to the mission and the Indians. I need not be [illegible] to mind how responsible his situation is, & [illegible] his influence be [illegible] in desirable manner. Should he visit Boston at any future time, it [illegible] the [illegible] pleasure

[illegible]

and pay him all the attentions in my power. When he was here last year, I was interested in the short interview I had with him. Assure him, when he shall return to you again, of my Christian regards.

It gives me much pleasure to learn that the affairs of your mission are going on so harmoniously & pleasantly; with the exception that you have not the awakening and converting influences of the Spirit on the minds of the Indians, so prosperously. May the Lord speedily send his Spirit into your own hearts to give more faith & zeal & love for souls, & into the hearts of the Indians to awaken them to their own sins, the love of Christ, & eternal things. This is the great desideratum. Pray without ceasing for this.

Give my kind regards to your wife. Be assured of my sympathies with her especially in your painful bereavements.

The Lord grant that you & me come to heaven. [illegible] shall be [illegible]. [illegible] Yours very truly, D. Greene

Missionary House. Boston,
18 July, 1842.

r. Sherman Hall,
a Pointe:

My Dear Sir,

Your two letters of ay 16 & June 2nd have come to hand, the latter s morning. Mr. Mendenhall stopped short Boston, it seems, on his route eastward, so at I have not had the pleasure of conferring ith him in regard to you & the affairs of the mission, as I hoped to do.

The purchases for which you wrote have been made & forwarded, as you see by the invoice on the other leaf of this sheet. Your estimates for the next year seem to me to be reasonable, & I presume they ill be allowed by the Committee.

In the matter of Mr. Boutwell, I by no means meant to censure or even udge on your proceedings. But as there must necessarily be great responsibility ~~upon~~ ting on a missionary in your situation relative to urch discipline, and the best men are liable to be biassed unconsciously, I made the suggestion that remark upon. I must know much re than I do of the circumstances, before I uld entertain the opinion that you had not done right.

Nothing which I said relative to efficiency your labors at La Pointe should deter you from ming this way in the autumn, if yourself and your brethren think it best. The stories which I lluded to came from what I suppose to be a prejudiced party. The allusion was not for condemnation, to lead you to look & inquire if practicable.

Very truly yours, in haste —
D. Greene.

Missionary House. Boston
18 July. 1842.

Rev. John Dunbar.
Pawnee Mission.

My Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 26th April came [illegible] the letter that you will see what we have sent you in the way of goods & supplies. Had you been more specific in stating what would be most desirable for you, we might have met your wants better. What we have sent will not we hope, be amiss.

It gives me great pleasure to receive so favorable an account from you of your new agent. I hope that his steady and long continued influence may be all that you anticipate. The benefit to the Indians will be incalculable, & will relieve you of perplexity and [illegible] to yourself & your associates.

As to reinforcing your mission I wish we could meet your wants at once. Up to this time we have found no man to go in any capacity except as a teacher. These I think we can get for you, if they are needed — probably those who will do well. We have also in view a man for a missionary, whom we hope to secure and send to you; and another man, who by prosecuting his studies till next spring, we think will make a respectable physician and [illegible] both [illegible].

we shall send to you this fall & next spring if we can induce them to go. To the latter the place of designation has been mentioned, & he does not object. The other says he is willing to go any where; & as his case will come before the Prud. Com. for action in a day or two, we shall soon ascertain whether he will go or not. Nothing but the want of suitable men prevents, & ~~&~~ & has prevented for the last two years, our reinforcing your mission; & we cannot well bear, under the present promising aspect of things, in regard to the affairs of the Indians, that you should remain any longer in your weak condition. Still we must pray the Lord of the harvest for more laborers. Never have I known the day, during my fifteen years connection with the Board, when the number of missionary candidates was so small as now. The deficiency in our funds, continued for so long a time, has frightened them all away from us; and now when the ability and the willingness of the Churches to advance in the work of propagating the gospel are more manifest & great, we are like a ship without hands to sail her. But we hope that prayer & labor directed to this point may keep up that division of your labor again.

[illegible] letter of May is received. Please remember me to the members. I would write Mr. E. had I anything important to say. In their relations to the Board & settling their affairs, there can, I think, be no difficulty.

With Christian regard to you and all your associates
I remain very truly yours, D. Greene

Missionary House, Boston,
18 July, 1862.

Rev. Elias Butler
Fairfield, C.W.

My Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 2d of June came to hand on the 7th inst. Since that time Mrs. Butler has been here and spent about a week here & in the vicinity. I was very glad to have the interview with her, & to confer on various matters relating to the mission. She left Boston for Lowell, a few days since, not expecting to return this way again.

Bef. — she left Boston, she gave me a memorandum relating to a man and a woman whose were needed for aid in the labors of your station. The Committee considered the case, and authorized her to obtain both a man and a woman, if she could find those who seem suitable for the place. She also made a request for aid in getting your son, now in New York, back to the Cherokee country; which was also granted.

The requests contained in yours of the 2d of June have been attended to.

I fear I could not say much relative to Cherokee affairs which would be of much avail, being at such a distance, and with so imperfect a knowledge of the minute circumstances affecting the case. I greatly regret that Watie was so rash and regardless of the interests of his people, as to open the ~~would~~ wounds of party discord again, & I cannot but hope that he find his murderous deed disapproved by all sober men of both parties. You greatly need a general & powerful revival of religion to put things right again; which may the Lord grant you, for [illegible] in his own time. Yours truly D. Greene.

Missionary House, Boston, 25 July, 1842

John Ross, Esq.
Principal Chief of the
Cherokee ~~Deputation~~
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

In conformity with the request of Mrs. Butler, who left Boston more than a week since, I took the liberty to open your letter to her under date of the 20th, which came to hand this morning. Mrs. B. is now visiting her friends in Vermont, and thought she should be passing from one place to another so rapidly, that, if your letter should be forwarded to her, it would probably fail to reach her. She therefore desired me, in case a letter came from you, to write to you stating that she would be in the City of New York by the 15th of August, after which she would be ready ~~in readiness~~ to return to the Cherokee country. Should you not

be in New York about that time, she would
be much obliged, if you would drop her
a line, to the care of Rev. W. J. Armstrong,
informing her when you will probably
be in that city, if at all, & when you
may probably be ready to start on your
return to your country. It will relieve
her of some suspense, if you
would permit her to find this word
there when she may arrive at New
York.

By your letter to Mrs. Butler I
learn that there is but little prospect that
you will be able to visit Boston this
summer. This I am very sorry to
hear, as we have been hoping that
we might have the pleasure of seeing
you here, and personally expressing our
interest in yourself and your people.

If your convenience will permit, we

hope still that you will visit us. I very much desire to confer with you on the affairs of our mission among your people; & were it not for the pressure of business which the approaching annual meeting of the Board occasions, I should endeavor to have an interview with you either in Washington or New York. It is possible that I may yet still be able to do so.

I hope sincerely that the excitement among your people, occasioned by the acts of violence you mention, may be but temporary; & that internal harmony and a good understanding with the government of the United States may prevail without being further disturbed; & that your people may speedily rise from the depression which the wrongs they have endured have occasioned.

Earnestly praying that the Lord may guide and prosper you in all your labors for the good of your people, I am, Sir, very respectfully & truly yours

David Greene.

Missionary House, Boston,
25 July, 1842.

Rev. Saml. A. Worcester,
Cherokee Mission.

My Dear Sir,

Yours of June 22d has come to hand. The Committee have authorized me to procure for you the astronomical calculation for another Almanac, & I hope to have them on the way before the first of September.

Is the Mr. McWilliams, whom you support, he [illegible] has designed to labour in the Cherokee community, or among the whites?

I hope that [illegible] may meet your expectations. [illegible] the reasons for it are clear & urgent, I think it will not be advisable to encourage them to look for much aid from the Board.

It is possible that, with wise management, the Cherokees themselves may be induced burden of supporting, partly if not wholly, their own religious teachers — that is, those raised up among themselves. I suppose they must do something of this ~~so~~ far as the native Baptist preachers are concerned; as I am informed that they do not receive from the Baptist Board more than $100 annually for each, while Mr. Huff receives, I think, $500. Perhaps the Baptist preachers contribute by their labor to their own support. The difference of expense between theirs & ours, is certainly considerable.

I am sorry that Mr. Cowell does not promise fairer for usefulness; & still more sorry that he should have entertained such opinions as you mention ~~of~~ about the end of the world, & not told us of them; when he knew that we feared ~~that~~ he was liable to some such peculiarity and doubted about sending him on this account. He is mistaken about Prof. Bush. He does not as I understand him, believe in the personal reign of Christ on earth — does believe in substantially our millennarianism, though he thinks the period pointed out in Daniel & the Revelation is not ended. You and the Churches must make the best you can of him. He has no claim on very much forbearance, if he has deceived us on these points. Still I hope that he will do better than you fear.

I have say to Mr. Freeman that his letter of 2 June is received & I will endeavor to conform to his wishes there expressed.

I am sorry for the new troubles that have sprung up. I hope they may soon pass. Mr. Ross, in a letter received today, seems to think lightly of them.

I am glad to hear the good intelligence respecting your daughter. May this be but the beginning of a life of holiness & peace in the service of God.

Very truly yours,
D. Greene.

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27 July. 1862.

Rev. P. P. Osunkhirhine,

St. Francis, L. Can.

My Dear Sir

Yours of Jul[y] 12 ~~the~~ ~~[illegible]~~ duly to hand, and has been submitted to the Prudential Committee. The[y] They regret that you have fallen behind again in your pecuniary affairs, and especially that you have lost by loan to [illegible]ity. We think that missionaries of the [illegible] never [illegible] expose themselves in this way to lose the money entrusted to them. Finally you of the Board appoint you among [illegible] not [illegible], failed [illegible] to loan as money of the Board.

Still the Committee do not doubt that you have pursued the course in relation to expenditures of all pecuniary [illegible] you. They would think it advisable for you to go on any extensive tour to obtain money to make up the deficiency in your own means, & to present the cause to another society, involving, as it does, your leaving your own church and congregation in a very exposed condition. In this matter the Committee think you judge wisely. To relieve you from your present embarrassments they voted to give you the sum you asked $120— And you must consider what I said to you after the former grant was made, and the hint you quote in your last letter, as repeated anew. We very much fear the next year will be a very difficult one for raising money, & that we may find the Board in debt again before the end of it. We are [illegible] free from rebt.

I am sorry to learn that you are so miserable, & that you have been so for some length of time. Perhaps you need to take more care of yourself. And I am sorry also to learn that another of your friends who was capable of aiding you and exerting the influence of an educated man should disappoint your expectations. But you must not let any of these things move you. They are trials— sorely indeed, though we see not the reason of them now, except that they teach you not to trust in man or have much expectation from him.

May the Lord be with you in all your weakness and perplexities.

You can draw for the $120— as you usually draw for your allowance the first of Nov. truly Yours. D. Greene.

Missionary House. Boston,
27 July. 1842.

Mr. Hanover Bradley,
Cattaraugus,

My Dear Sir,

Yours of [illegible] instant reached me this morning. I should be very glad to write you at length on the important topics which you introduce, and which are certainly deserving of serious and immediate attention, I think; but as the preparations for the annual meeting of the Board are now occupying much time, I must say some but a word. And this I can the better turn you off with as my present plan is to visit your stations and confer with all the missionaries immediately after the meeting of the Board — or by the first of October, at latest.

and the other between us. My doing this as being rendered important by the changes in the mission & the affairs of the Indians which must now take place. Then I shall hope to see you and confer on all points requiring attention.

As to means of support between the expiration of your year and the time named there will, I think, be no difficulty. So far as Mr. Bliss has any thing to do with it, he will let things go on as they have done, of course.

With christian regard to Mrs Bradley & yourself, I remain

Very truly yours

D. Greene.

Missionary House, Boston,
27 July 1842.

Rev. Cyrus Kingsbury
Choctaw Mission,

My Dear Sir,

Your letter of 15th June has come to hand, and would have been laid before the Committee before this time had I not supposed that they would desire more definite information upon some points before acting decisively upon the matters you suggest. Add to this also that we are just now in our hurry of preparation for the annual meeting, and it would be difficult for the Committee to give the matter so much time as they would desire. In the mean time I take the liberty to write you for information on one or two points.

From ~~those~~ the remarks in your letter I understand that boarding schools, large & small, are to be established among the Choctaws, & probably by the joint application of the funds of the Choctaws & of those of some missionary society. But I am not certain that I know what your own opin-

one is as to the expediency of the Board's engag-
in such a partnership even supposing the
men and the money are at our command.
When the Committee take it up, they will undoubt-
edly wish to know what are your arguments
in favor & against the measure. You have
had some experience of the working of these
partnerships, both between the Board and
the government & the Board and the Indians.
You need not go into the matter at great length.
a brief statement will be sufficient.

In the next place the Committee
will desire to know to what extent, if at all, it
is best to enter into these ~~[illegible]~~ arrangements,
and how much money annually it is likely
to require, as well as how much for an outlay
to begin with. If the amount be small, we
might venture to undertake the work; but
if it should be some $5000 or $10,000, we
might be afraid to pledge it, while the claims
of the other missions are as at present & while
the financial state of the country renders the
raising of money as difficult as it now is.

The Committee would also inquire what
kind & what number of additional laborers would

probably be involved in the ~~cause~~ contemplated arrangement. If we only required teachers say four or two male or female teachers we might probably obtain ~~th~~ [illegible] pretty easily; but if ordained missionaries or even farmers were required, we ~~could~~ not dare then should recommend them. We are unable [illegible] to know what to do to secure enough of [illegible] is for the Indian purposes as they are now constituted.

One more point. What would be the comparative advantages and disadvantages of establishing new schools in applying a part of the Christian funds [illegible] there in [illegible] of them where you say [illegible] I infer they think the latter is possible. Would it [illegible] work well; & would it be as useful?

Let us remark [illegible] that we must not [illegible] for a moment; [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] even if they [illegible] [illegible] as [illegible] of the [illegible] so far as [illegible] acquainted with them as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] they [illegible] sectarianism [illegible] Christianity which [illegible] as ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] [illegible] for heaven.

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Boston,
Missionary House, 27 July 184[illegible]

Mr. C. C. Copeland.
Chahta Mission.

Dear Sir,

Yours of 30th June came duly to hand. The articles which you wish to have purchased and forwarded, will receive attention; but I suppose ~~that~~ it will not be easy to get them to you much before mid winter, as the water in your river will not admit of ~~boat~~ boating till late in the fall. We will endeavor to get them on the way as early as it be safe to do it.

I am not certain that when I wrote you on the 25th of June that I acknowledged your letters of Nov. 16. Jan. 5 & Jan. 17, as they did not seem to require any special answer, they were permitted in my course of business to lie without the prompt attention & return to your letters.

Very truly yours.
D. Greene.

P.S. I am very glad to learn both from your own letter and that of Mr. Byington that you are going on happily & successfully in your school. D.G.

Missionary House, Boston.
27 July 1862.

Cyrus Byington
Choctaw Mission

Dear Sir,

Permit me to acknowledge very briefly your favor of June 16. I am sorry to receive the statements you give, (& Mr. Wright has given substantially the same) respecting Dr. Leawood. I presume that the man you write of is the same that was recommended to us, though some circumstances throw some doubt over the point. We are glad to learn them, though we should not have thought of appointing him before learning much more about his character and qualifications for usefulness than we knew when I mentioned case to you. As he some months since signified intention not to engage in the missionary work for some time to come, the case has been dropped, & may probably come up again. If it should, & he proves to be the man you suppose, he will not, of course, be appointed. We will be on our guard.

I rejoice to learn that while we are able to afford you so little aid in the way of additional helpers, the Lord is encouraging ~~& strengthening~~ you by his Spirit, showing that even without might and power the work of saving his chosen among the Choctaws can go forward. And I am sure that there can be no such encouragement as this. It is indeed a remarkable fact that since our pecuniary trouble began in 1836, the spirit of inquiry, the number of conversions ~~among~~ at the several missions, and the additions to the churches there have been wholly unequalled, and so has been the general interest manifested in the missions by the communities where they are located. May it ever be so that when in the providence of God we are straitened in one respect we may be enlarged in other & more important respects. At least we should be encouraged to believe, even when God seems to frown upon this work, that he will give proof in some other way that he still loves & will hasten it forward. — Very truly yours

Missionary House. Boston
29 July. 1862.

Rev. S. R. Riggs
S. Hadley. Ms.

My Dear Sir,

Yours of the 23d came to hand this morning. As I have made arrangements to be engaged in Maine during next week, I shall not be able to give you any aid on your printing till about the 10th of August. This need not, however, prevent your coming to Boston at the time you name. I will endeavor ~~to~~ to have the ~~plates~~ cuts ready by the time the printing can proceed.

I would join with you in

in acknowledging the Lord's goodness
[illegible] in preserving you & yours on your
long journey from the lands of dark-
ness to the abode of your friends. May
this visit be made a source of great
good to yourself & others, & to the
cause in which you are engaged.
With Christian regard to your-
self & [illegible] Mrs. Wright, I remain
Very truly yours,
D. Greene.

Rev. Asher Wright
[illegible] Missionary House 16 Aug. 1842.

My Dear Sir,

Mr. [illegible] has handed me
this sheet to add a line, which I do in haste.
I have [illegible] the [illegible] of the
state of your accounts, respecting which
yourself & Mr. [illegible] wrote [illegible]
the [illegible] in 1841, I think there was
no fixed basis for your expenditures. The plan
proposed by Mr. [illegible]
feeling [illegible] we [illegible]
[illegible], we did not [illegible] with some
new features, know how [illegible]
ion of the Committee, therefore, approved
that the experiment might be tried, sup-
posing that both yourself & Mr. Vandlese
had looked into & approved it. We had little
thought what the amount of expenditure
for the year would be, there having been no
estimate of the whole ~~[illegible]~~ amount given.

What we want is that you would
make your expenses as small as you can;
when I see you, which I hope will be early in
October, we will talk over these matters.

Very truly yours,
D. Greene

Rev. Asher Wright
Seneca Mission

Missionary House, Boston,
16 Aug. 1842.

My Dear Sir,

Mr. Hill has handed me this sheet to add a line, which I do in haste. I have not had time to look much into the state of your accounts, respecting which yourself & Mr. Hill seem to have not exactly the same views. In 1841, I think there was no fixed basis for your expenditures. The plan proposed by Mr. Vandusen, we did not fully understand; what we did understand, we did not; as it embraced some new features, know how to form an opinion of. The Committee, therefore, approved it, that the experiment might be tried, supposing that both yourself & Mr. Vandusen had looked into & approved it. We had little thought what the amount of expenditure for the year would be, there having been no estimate of the whole amount given.

What we want is that you would make your expenses as small as you can: When I see you, which I hope will be early in October, we will talk over these matters.

Very truly yours, D. Greene

[illegible] 17 August, 1842.

To [illegible]
[illegible]

My Dear Sir,

[illegible] I wrote a few lines [illegible] your favour of the 3rd inst. [illegible] to hand [illegible] in season for use in preparing of the [illegible] of your [illegible] and ~~has~~ ~~without~~ without it I would have given but a very meagre account of your affairs.

[illegible] I may also state that I am very glad [illegible] the state of things between yourself and the Indians is not so unpleasant and unfavorable as I had feared. [illegible] your [illegible]

[illegible]

Indians now is compared with what it was ten years ago, and also what is the present state of piety, intelligence, order, morals, and promise of ~~[illegible]~~ becoming a stable element in community, compared with what it was ten years ago.

Your notices of [illegible] I have read with much interest. Still I think an article about half as long would be more generally read & would do more ~~good~~. I have all along supposed that I should give a part or the whole of it. But have not found a convenient time for fixing it & inserting it in the Herald. If you can abridge it I should like it much, & would probably print it in the course of a few months after receiving it.

With my best Christian regards to Mrs. [illegible] I remain very truly yours

Missionary House, Boston,
Aug. 20th. 1842.

Mr. Jacob Hitchcock
and his associates at Dwight
Cherokee Mission.

Dear Brethren,

July 14th came to hand a few days since. I thank you for the statements which it contains; they give me a different view of the state of things at Dwight from what I had before. You must be aware that I am often obliged to act with only an imperfect and one-sided view of the facts involved in the case. I shall take an early opportunity of laying your letter before the Committee, though it cannot probably have much attention from them before the annual meeting in September. Should they [illegible] to any change, I will of course inform you at an early day.

I write now just to acknowledge your letter, & to say that I see no occasion to disapprove of the proceedings at your station.

With Christian regards to yourselves & families ~~[illegible]~~ and all associated with you, I remain

very truly yours,

D. Greene

[illegible] House Bath
24th August 1867

Mrs. Lucy A. Butler
New York City

Dear Madam,

I must reply very briefly to yours of the 22d inst. Mr. [illegible] [illegible] just now [illegible]

Mr. Hill has no objection to your making [illegible] in the purchase you mention, in New York. It may be well for you to confer with Mr. [illegible] on the subject [illegible] tained on the most favorable terms. The amount you had better [illegible] depend [illegible] from what [illegible] for [illegible] I remain very respectfully

& truly yours in Christ

purposes, as Mr. Hill may wish to enter it in a different manner in his accounts with the Mission.

I presume you are doing right in taking your younger son with you on your return, & that no objections will be made.

If we hear any thing from the Mr. & Mrs. Pratt you refer to, we will attend to their case as soon as practicable. If they are good persons I hope you will succeed in obtaining their services, though I must fear they will fail you.

Commending you to the goodness of God, & hoping, that you will have a safe & pleasant journey to your station & family, I remain very respectfully & truly yours in Christ D. Greene

P.S. Please give my kind respects to Mr Ross when you meet him. D.G.

Missionary House, Boston,
31 August. 1862.

Rev Ebenezer Hotchkin,
Good Water. C. N.

My Dear Sir,

To your letter of the 4th I must reply very briefly, as this is the season when preparations for our annual meeting bring an unusual amount of labor upon us.

As the brethren at the several stations among the Choctaws have reported the state of their own schools more or less fully, I can make up for the report a tolerably correct account of them, I presume, without the condensed view which you are desirous of giving; though such an annual or semi-annual view is very desirable.

As to sending you an additional preacher or two, I hardly [illegible]

you can, by writing to some of your ac-
quaintances ~~[illegible]~~ of encouragement to hold our
~~[illegible]~~ your chief. Mr. Kingsbury & Mr.
~~Byington who~~ have repeatedly written on
the subject heretofore; & the Committee
school teachers, male & female
have authorised me to find one or two,
& voted to send them when found: but
as yet I have had no success in
finding the latter. At this time we
urgently need at least ten or twelve
preachers for the Indians, and not less
than fifty for all the missions, and
yet we have not four missionary
candidates on whom we can rely, &
labour assiduously to get more. Few of
the few candidates we find, are willing to
go to any Indian mission. All I can
say is that we will do the best we can,
and if we can find a preacher suitable
for you, otherwise [illegible] we will send him.
The result I cannot foretell

you can, by writing to some of your ac-
quaintances in this part of the country,
~~interest~~ some of them & procure such a
man as you want.

School teachers, male & female,
if you need them, I think we can get
and send to you in the course of the
Winter. From your letter I am not
able to learn ascertainly whether
you would desire teachers or
not. Mr. Kingsbury, in a late
letter, expressed some doubt whether
any ought to be sent. Please write
me on the subject.

We must all rejoice together
over the manifestations of goodness and
mercy which the Lord is making to your
nation in the Choctaws, & the harvest
which you are all invited to gather in.

Yours, D. Greene

Missionary House, Boston;
2d Sept. 1862.

Rev. Saml. A. Worcester;
Park Hill:

My Dear Sir,

Herewith I send you the astronomical calculations for 1863, which I hope will reach you in due season. They came from the hand of the calculator to-day.

I was very glad to receive your letter of the 26 July, as it furnishes much important information for the annual report. Of your schools at the several stations I have received no account, except the bare number at Dwight.

What the Committee will say to Mr. Potter's case as you now with present No, I cannot say. As soon as am practicable, after the annual meeting, I will bring it before them.

Whether I would come the expediency many encouraging hopes & expectations to I am expecting much aid from the Board, till they are pretty fully tried; and it would be well to see whether there cannot be something done to induce the Cherokees to support such of their own people as may become preachers to them, after the manner of white people. Why cannot Step. Church & other people to whom he preaches support him,— in part at least? How do the Baptist Cherokee preachers contrive to get along

with only $100 a year. I understand, I
am informed, in the [illegible]
~~they~~ evidence from the Ballot Board.

Whether I shall get any
more teachers to go out this fall
I am not quite certain. Though
I have the promise of two or three.
But for some months past I have
heard nothing from them. It
is pretty certain they will not
reach you by the first of Oct-
ober, as Mr. Freeman requests.
As soon as I hear any thing from
~~them~~ I will inform Mr. Free-
~~man~~. department, I take the
liberty of ~~returning~~ this to you, and
would request you, D. [illegible]
see fit, to place your pack

Missionary House Boston, 2d Sept. 1842.

Hon. J. C. Spencer
Secy of War.

The enclosed pack-age contains the astronomical cal-culations for an Almanac for 1843 in the Cherokee Language, to be printed at the press at Park Hill Mission Station. As I have been kindly invited to send pack-ages of such a character through your department, I take the liberty of sending this to you, and would request you, should you see fit, to place your frank

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upon it, [illegible] to Mr. Worcester. It is no matter of private interest, and the object in this particular falls in with the benevolent intentions of the Govern-ment [illegible]

Very respectfully, your [illegible] Servant
David Greene
Secy A.B.C.F.M.

upon it, and forward it to Mr. Worcester. As it is no matter of private interest and the object of the package falls in with the benevolent intentions of the Government toward the Indians, I trust the liberty I have taken will not be deemed improper.

Very respectfully your
friend & Servant
David Greene
Secy A.B.C.F.M.

Missionary House, Boston,
23 Sept. 1862.

Rev. Cyrus Kingsbury,
Pine Ridge, C.N.

My Dear Sir,

From your letter under date of Augt 10th, I do not fully understand whether you desire us to find a teacher for Mr. Folsom's district and send him on without hearing further from you, or whether you will wait for one from us, only on condition that Mr. Scovel or the young man you mention from Ohio cannot be obtained. Teachers, & probably pretty good ones, we can obtain, I presume, in course of the autumn and winter, though we have none on hand. When we advertised for them for the Cherokee Govt Schools, six or eight months ago, they offered themselves in great numbers, and some of them promised well. How many of them could now be secured I do not know. If you will inform me early that you are looking to the Board for one, I think we will secure one for you in a few months.

As to a preacher, I do not know that I can hold out any encouragement to you at present. A son of Mr. Bardwell, formerly at Goshen, is now in the Lane Seminary near Cincinnati and thinks of engaging in the missionary work among the Indians. He is spoken of as a very promising young man, and somewhat acquainted with the Choctaw language. He is now, I think, just entering his senior year. I have had some correspondence with him. In connection with two or three other young men, his associates in that seminary, who are also interested in missions to the Indians, he has formed a scheme, according to which they think all the frontier Indian tribes may be Christianized almost at one onset. If some large number of missionaries could be sent forth, so as to begin the work simultaneously along the whole line, push it vigorously, & do it [illegible] with little delay, they ~~would~~ are ready to take part in it. From what I hear of them, I cannot but hope that they will be persuaded, if they commit to the work so, to enter upon it & prosecute it a little more in detail, rather than leave the poor Indians hopeless. It would be well for you to write this young Boudinot, as your representations would probably have much weight with him and his associates.

We rejoice with you that the Lord is opening the field so to [illegible] & others exciting a movement around you & giving to the people such a hearing ear. May he continue to give you work enough, with strength & grace to perform it, & great ~~success~~ success in it.

The late meeting of the Board just now closed was one of great interest — a altogether the largest, so far as the attendance of members & other persons from a distance is concerned, that we have ever had. The indications of a widening, deepening ~~interest~~ interest in the missionary work, were most unequivocal. Missionaries are not working & praying alone.

Very respectfully & truly yours in Jesus

D. Greene.

without near delay, he will pour down upon you, filling your hearts with joy & thanksgiving. D.G.

Missionary House, Boston
26 Sept. 1862.

Mr. Jacob Hitchcock,
Dwight Mission.

My Dear Sir,

In reply to the joint letter from yourself & your brethren at the station, ~~your~~ bearing date July 16, permit me to say, that I am very glad to receive the information it contains, both in relation to the facts respecting affairs at your station, and to the opinions of the mission family & others concerning the inexpediency of having two schools. Perhaps I have not understood the state of things with you as well as I ought, & as I might have done, if I had attended to your various communications in this connection. Still I think the members of your station have been somewhat ~~[illegible]~~ deficient in not making statements full & more explicit enough, to enable us here to keep a clear & correct view of your affairs before our minds. I am not quite certain now whether yourself and your brethren would think it best for the Committee to send on more laborers to have a school for the boys opened, or whether you would think

This you will [illegible] addressing to the brethren at the Station jointly. D.G.

as the schools are concerned, as they now do. The Committee would, of course, place great reliance on the judgment of the brethren at the station, having the circumstances of the Cherokees, & the opinions of their more intelligent men to aid them in making up their opinion; nor, would the Committee be willing to go contrary to the judgment of the brethren, unless, for reasons very obvious to them, the course which they should recommend seemed decidedly unwise. As the case has now been presented to them, the Committee think that it will probably be expedient to go on for the present with only the female school, making as much of it as you can, and seeing what the Cherokee government schools will come. Perhaps they may diminish the necessity of having a boarding school for boys. in which, should it be so, we should certainly rejoice.

Your statements relative to Miss Nelson & Miss Moore are satisfactory. Nothing said in any of my previous letters was designed to find fault with any individual, or with the proceedings at the station. In some respects the arrangements at the station were different from what we had supposed they were,

I must not close this sheet without expressing a word of interest in the visitation of the Holy Spirit which you ~~have~~ were enjoying at your station when you wrote. Be assured that we will pray & hope that the Lord has great spiritual blessings in store for you & for the Cherokees which, without near delay, he will pour down upon you, filling your hearts with joy & thanksgiving. D.G.

but we had not sufficient knowledge of the facts ~~and~~ reasons involved, to decide ~~[illegible]~~ whether they were wisest and best, or not, & we wished for statements which should place the whole matter before us.

Our desire is, of course, that the circumstances & labors of Miss Moore ~~[illegible]~~ be made as satisfactory as the state of the case will admit. She obviously finds things among the Cherokees, & her own situation in the mission somewhat different from what she anticipated. We still hope, however, that all matters will soon get so adjusted, that she will be able to go on in her work usefully, and with comfort~~ably~~ to herself. I should be glad to write both to her & Mr. Day, if my time were not otherwise too fully occupied, to permit me to do it for some time to come.

Let me ask if anything more can be done to bring into your boarding school those pious Cherokee girls who are not likely, through the poverty of their parents, or other causes, to get an education in any other manner; leaving those more wealthy & enterprising to provide other means for educating their children.

With Christian love to all the brethren and sisters at the stations, I remain very truly yours. David Greene

Mission House, Boston
26 Sept. 1861.

Rev. S. R. Riggs,
New York City.

My Dear Sir,

So far ~~At the meeting of the~~ is di-
Committee held last week, your communi-
cations respecting printing in the Sioux or Ohio
language were laid before them. Tha[illegible] the
question was postponed, as it was not thought to
advisable to [illegible] so large an amount
of printing ~~executed~~ at one time before the
people [illegible] the number of readers as prac-
to make [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in-
bearing of the [illegible] was [illegible] decided
the Committee finally decided to ~~[illegible]~~ before
in going forward and print the se-
veral portions of the Scriptures which you
propose, will you [illegible] the whole, think it any a two
pension, they will want to take [illegible] which be
[illegible] the expenses and ~~the~~ ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible]
whether the advantage likely to [illegible] [illegible] not [illegible]
it to the [illegible] ~~is likely~~ will probably be [illegible]. As I
[illegible] will make it a [illegible] expenditure [illegible] nearly
The Committee [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] should
difficult to have printing [illegible] [illegible] before
[illegible] executed completely where [illegible] [illegible]

to correct the sheets; and that this correction cannot be had, probably, for years to come, without incurring considerable expense, if the printing is not done at this time.

So far as the Am. Bib. Society is disposed to aid in bearing the expense, & so far as the friends you mention in Ohio may be willing to contribute for the same purpose, we should be glad to have them.

The subject of a new station the Committee will look at as early as practicable. As I suppose that it is not important that the matter be decided very soon, it may not be brought before them for some weeks to come.

A letter from Mr. Longley, your brother-in-law came to hand a day or two since, but as no testimonials which he speaks of, except a brief letter from Mr. Thatcher have yet come to hand, the case has not yet been brought before the Committee. As I shall be ~~af~~ absent from Boston nearly a month, after the 4th of October, should not the documents come to hand before that time, the case must probably be deferred till after my return. It shall be attended to as soon as circumstances will permit. As he will not be able to proceed to join the mission till next spring, a little delay will not, I presume, be an inconvenience, except on account of the suspense it will occasion.

Very truly yours,
David Greene.

Missionary House, Boston

[illegible]

case of Mr. [illegible] Let me say now that he [illegible] submitted to the Committee, and they see no objections to his being [illegible] to join the mission. They, of course, have heard little of him for some years past, and know not what changes in circumstances there may be in relation to himself or his family. Yourself and your brethren have probably known much more about him, and his standing [illegible] of late time, than the Committee do. If every thing about his case is as fair and favorable as we suppose it to be, the Committee would be very glad to have him join the mission.

I will say a word or two about Mr. Scovel, whom you mention that

Missionary House, Boston,
20 Sept. 1862.

Rev. Cyrus Kingsbury,
Pine Ridge.

My Dear Sir,

How it happened, that, in writing you three days ago, I quite forgot to advert to the case of Mr. Holley, I cannot tell. Let me say now that the matter was submitted to the Committee, and they see no objections to his being invited to join the mission. They, of course, have heard little of him for some years past, and know not what peculiar circumstances there may be relating to himself or his family. Yourself and your brethren have probably known much more about him, and his standing & qualifications, than the Committee do. If every thing about his case is as fair and favorable as we suppose it to be, the Committee would be very glad to have him join the mission.

I will say a word or two about Mr. Scovel, whom you mentioned that

Mr. Copeland had recommended to you as a suitable person for your mission. I have some doubts whether he is such a man as would, on the whole, be a help to you. I fear that there is a want of judgement & balance of mind which will seriously interfere with his permanent usefulness. I feared this before he left Boston; & some new developements made since, have increased those fears. I trust he is a good man, and loves & aims to do good; but there may be a vein in him which makes him liable to be wrought upon by Finneyism, Millerism, Oberlinism, Methodism, &c. I think him more likely to be useful in the sphere among the Cherokees, which he went out to fill, than any where else among the Indians.

With Christian regards to Mrs. Kingsbury & Miss Arms.

I remain Very respectfully
and truly yours,
D. Greene

Missionary House, Boston,
26 Sept. 1842.

Rev. Asher Wright,
Seneca Mission.

My Dear Sir,

of yours of the 16th, permit me to say that my present plan is, if no providential event shall occur to hinder, to leave Boston next Wednesday (week), October 5th, and proceed directly to Buffalo, hoping to reach there on Friday the 7th. After which, for as long a time as may be necessary, I hope to be able to attend to any business, in which I can render service to the mission. Of course, I shall wish to be detained only for such a time as may be imperiously required. As for mud and fatigue, I have seen something of them before; and if favored with my usual health, I fear them very little. I do not, on my own account, anticipate losing a day for either.

I inquired about the treaty of

the secretary of your state, who informed me that at a session of the Council a few days ago, the matter came up and the new treaty was approved; and that he had made out the document expressing this approval, & sent it to the governor to sign, which he supposed the governor had then done.

Hoping soon to be with you,

I remain very truly yours,

David Greene

Of your brother John I have heard nothing since I wrote you. I sincerely wish that the way might be opened for his joining your mission. I hope that your letter may more effectually [illegible]

Boston [illegible]

28 Sept. 1852.

Rev. Saml A Worcester,

Park Hill.

My Dear Sir,

Yours of the 26 of [illegible] came to hand just at the time when we were most busy in preparing for the annual meeting of the Board, giving [illegible] that [illegible] has been longer unanswered than it otherwise would. The meeting which we have held was an interesting one, much larger [illegible] than we have [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] the Board [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Portia [illegible] [illegible] many [illegible]

Of your brother John I have heard nothing since I wrote you [illegible] [illegible] the way might be opened for his joining you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the promising character of the late Meeting, we still have much fear of a falling off in our receipts for the coming year. The simple fact that no great emergency appears in the circumstances of the Board and its missions, to rouse and keep up the community, it may probably be the cause of our falling into debt and getting ~~it~~ the missions curtailed & embarrassed in their operations again. But after the wonderful interposition of Providence, by which the debt of the last year has been paid, we ought not to distrust the Lord afresh, or doubt that he will take care of his cause.

But to your letter which was yesterday laid before the Committee. They think that on the whole Mr. Potter is very much esteemed or

P.S. Mr. Ross has commissioned me to purchase press type &c for him for the purpose of printing a newspaper, similar to the old Cherokee Phoenix. So you see there are three presses in operation among the Cherokees, while one, ably ~~furnished~~, & vigorously worked would do all the work at half the expense. D.G.

his field as an agent, and is discouraged, and seems to doubt himself whether it is best for him to leave it, it will not be advisable to make any arrangement for his returning ~~to the~~ Cherokee country at present. Some of the most intelligent men in Tennessee & Alabama are decidedly of the opinion that he ought not to leave.

When I shall get teachers for Mr. Foreman I cannot say. Some months since your letters this through so much uncertainty over the case, that I could not say confidently to any that they would be wanted. Two or three, whom I kept along for some time have recently, I ~~[illegible]~~ learn, relinquished the idea of going. If I should show all the letters from yourself & Mr. F. on the subject, I fear I should not induce any suitable person to go, unless his expenses out should be paid and the Board would become pledged to take him, in case he should fail of being received by Mr. F. or for some reason should not be employed more than a year or two by the Cherokees. I will see what I can do. Some months must ~~[illegible]~~ undoubtedly elapse before they can reach you, if I succeed in finding such men— Very truly yours. D Greene.

How [illegible] sent for the schools [illegible] Cherokees?

Missionary House, Boston.
30th Sept. 1862.

John Ross, Esq.
Prin. Chief of the Cherokees

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 22d, from Philadelphia, came duly to hand with the check for $2000. [illegible] as [illegible] preferred [illegible] like [illegible] for Mr. Crosby [illegible] he [illegible] the paper, [illegible] it is, and [illegible] to the [illegible]

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from chasing press, types, office furniture, &c. & ink paper [illegible] or [illegible]

It has occurred to me that you will want some large and perhaps ornamental letters for the Paper. If [illegible] could [illegible] like [illegible] for [illegible] the paper, [illegible] it is, and [illegible] which [illegible] alphabet. [illegible] for letters [illegible] you kind will. I [illegible] go [illegible] and return, every thing else [illegible] by the time [illegible] points [illegible] from charging press, types, office furniture, &c. to procure paper & ink sufficient for one or two years. It has occurred to me that you will want some large and perhaps ornamental letters for the title or heading of the Paper. If you give it the same name as your former paper had, I could get the characters prepared like those then used. If you wish for a different name for the paper, please inform me what it is, and forward to me the characters which express it according to Gist's alphabet. As it requires two months for letters to go & return, every thing else will be ready to be forwarded by the time you can obtain a reply.

from you. As Guess's characters are so peculiar, if you send me the characters for a new name for the paper, you will see the importance of having them made so distinct that I shall not mistake one for another. If you have the old name, you need only to say so, without forwarding the characters, as I have a file of that paper. I have also the large models of Guess's alphabet prepared by Mr. Hitchcock for school cards.

I send you two small papers, each somewhat less than the old Phoenix. In view of them and the old Phoenix, please say what ~~the~~ size the paper which I am to purchase shall be. Please say also for about how large an edition you wish me to purchase paper, & whether you wish for paper for any other purpose — as book or pamphlet printing. I will endeavor to meet your wishes.

With much respect & very truly yours,
David Greene.

the missionaries [illegible] the difference
of the allowance [illegible] on leaving
Mr. Asa Hitchcock [illegible] in certain providential
Travelling [illegible] circumstances in connection with the gen-
eral embarrassment of the times. Thousands
My Dear Sir
of families, scattered over [illegible]
6th ult. [illegible] has become
laid before the Prudential Committee [illegible] which
they are [illegible] & [illegible] and
they are called upon [illegible] considering their [illegible]
relations [illegible] responsibility, &c. On the [illegible] the issue
ensuing year, and [illegible] so far as [illegible] who has
they can now judge, [illegible] the receipts of the [illegible] can
Board [illegible] a
of the meeting [illegible] Amidst
during any preceding year. It would [illegible]
not sufficient [illegible] deficiency [illegible] land is
[illegible] greater [illegible] the [illegible] &
[illegible] have heretofore made [illegible] of this
a greater allowance in money than
has, to pay [illegible] as you recollect, [illegible] as
Being [illegible] missionary family [illegible] how they
the missionary work, [illegible] allowance
time, &c. [illegible] you [illegible] with you. [illegible]
So far as the Committee can see, you get
present [illegible] expense
wholly [illegible]
leaving [illegible] family
I remain very truly yours. D Greene.

the missionary work, or in the deficiency of the allowance made you on leaving it; but rather in certain providential circumstances in connection with the general embarrassments of the times. Thousands of families, scattered over the western country, find themselves in the same painful circumstances. The distress which prevails from these causes is great and wide-spread and is exceedingly painful to contemplate; and what is to be the issue of this State of things none but He who has in wisdom & mercy permitted it, can foretell. It is doubtless designed for a great national chastisement. Amidst all the painful aspects of the times we must praise him that our land is full, in all parts, of food for man & beast, & that suffering from want of this kind can hardly be feared.

Looking at your case as fairly as they can the Committee do not see how they can make you any further allowance at present, & they cannot but hope that in the good providence of God, you will get through your embarrassments without experiencing all the evils you apprehend.

With Christian regards to Mrs H. & your family
I remain very truly yours. D Greene.

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Mr. Henry K. Copeland

Dwight Mission

Dear Sir,

Your favor of Sept 3d came duly to hand, and in connection with a letter from Rev. A. Wright on the same subject, was yesterday laid before the Prudential Committee. My absence from Boston for some weeks prevented its receiving earlier attention.

The Committee think that changes from one mission to another are in themselves undesirable. In your own case the fact that you were formerly connected with ~~that other~~ Choctaws, & the state of your health forbids you, as you think, to remain in your present post at Dwight.

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a more favorable light. They regret, however, [illegible] Mr. Wright said [illegible] estimate of the expense which must be incurred in [illegible] of buildings, if you should remove to [illegible]. Information on this point is of great importance [illegible] is such as [illegible] a greater [illegible] compared with our wants. [illegible] must [illegible] question [illegible] in their [illegible] and in their laudable [illegible] themselves by defraying the expenses of board, & will do what the circumstances [illegible] permits the matter in [illegible]. But they would not dare a more favorable light. They regret, however, that neither yourself nor Mr. Wright send any estimate of the expense which must be incurred in the erection of buildings, if you should remove to Wheelock. Information on this point is of great importance at a time like this, when all the missions are calling for increased allowances, & when at the same time the financial state of the country is such as to threaten our treasury with a greater deficiency, compared with our wants, than during any previous year. In every new enterprise the Committee must make the cost a preliminary question. They wish to encourage the Choctaws in their desire to educate their daughters, and in their laudable disposition to aid themselves by defraying the expenses of board, & will do what the circumstances of our treasury will permit. But they would not dare

to pledge no more than $200, or at most
$250 for buildings. If the Choctaws will
lend their aid, & you can perform the
carpenter labor, we should hope that
all which will be immediately necessa-
ry can be erected for even less than $200
drawn from the treasury of the Board. If the
object aimed at by yourself & Mr. Wright
can be accomplished without incurring
more expense than that just named,
the Committee will sanction your
removal to Wheelock, as you pro-
pose.

In case you remove from
Dwight we shall need another person
to take your place on the farm, and
shall take immediate measures to
secure one, hoping to succeed before
spring. Please say this to Mr. & Mrs.
Hitchcock. I am obliged to write in
much haste.

Very truly yours.

D. Greene

should fall [illegible]; the missions really need [illegible] than they have done any missions more.

Rev. Alfred Wright
Wheelock. Cher. Na.

My Dear Sir,

[illegible] came to hand a few days ago, with the communication from Mr. Copeland, which they yesterday laid before the Committee. They much regretted that neither your letter nor his contained any estimate of the expense likely to be incurred in erecting the buildings & opening the boarding house which it is proposed the C. shall keep. As the prospect of having a full treasury this year owing mainly to the continued financial embarrassments of the country are very unfavorable, the Committee feel it to be very important, before engaging in any new measures, to learn what [illegible] expendi[illegible] volved in it [illegible].

if the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], should fall more short of what the missions really need, than they have done any previous year.

That the Committee might not keep yourself & Mr Copeland in suspense while further correspondence should be had, they directed me to write that they would authorize his removal to Wheelock, and carrying into effect the plan proposed, if the erection of the buildings & making other arrangements for taking the desired number of boarders, should not exceed $200, or $250, at the utmost. They are aware that this is a small sum; but they hope that, with what the Choctaws will do, & with what Mr Copeland's own labor will do to keep down the expense, the object may be accomplished without greater expenditure or even for less.

We are glad to see such a

dications of a desire among the Indians to secure education for their children, & especially for their daughters; & that they are disposed to help themselves by defraying the expense of boarding their own children, without depending on the Mission for it. In such movements they ought to be encouraged. It might do them good to praise them for it, & to encourage them, in view of the comparative ease with which they do this, to expect that they may soon be able to do much more for themselves. If you can raise up native preachers & teachers, a movement might be made very soon, & probably with success, to have the people support them. Of this yourself & your brethren should never lose sight.

I have written Mr. Copeland substantially as I here write you.

With Christian regards to Mrs. Wright and all your associates, I remain

Very truly yours. D. Greene.

Missionary House, Boston

16 Nov. 1862.

Rev. Asher Bliss

Cattaraugus, N.Y.

My Dear Sir;

The ill health of Mr. Crosby, & having the labors of two men to perform, since my arrival home, instead of one. This must account for the delay in attending to your affairs. By the favor of a kind Providence I accomplished my very pleasant journey & found all well at home on the 26th October.

The Committee have voted to allow for the expenses of your station the sum of $835 for the ensuing year. This is as large an amount as the circumstances of the case in connection with the present state of the treasury, (which you will see from the

Dayspring is very far from favorably I will permit. You will be able with it, I trust, to make some advance on what last year; & if the Lord shall pour down his Spirit on yourself, the mission families, & the Indians, the year may be a profitable & joyful one to you all. Pray for this. Endeavor to remove all obstacles to it out of the way, & rely on God to bless & prosp.

With our treasury as it is the Committee cannot think for a moment on boarding schools, at the expense of the Board. I hope to write the Indians on the subject before long.

A few days since I sent some books to the care of Mr. Wright for the children of your family & that of Mr. Bradley, with some pictures for the Schools.

Missionary House, Boston;
16th Nov. 1842.

I hope to write soon — to Mr. Bradley

Remembering with pleasure the interview I had with your family, & praying for the best spiritual blessings on yourself & wife [illegible] affectionately [illegible]

My Dear [illegible]

[illegible] at least [illegible] my arrival here which was on [illegible] October after a favorable journey, during which the watchful providence [illegible] continually over me, I have been [illegible] occupied with the [illegible] & partly in my own affairs [illegible] finding one of [illegible] appointed to [illegible] [illegible]. This is the cause of the delay, & the same cause continuing obliges me to write very briefly now. — You will be [illegible] of the Board [illegible]

P.S. A few very [illegible] I send a few books [illegible] sisters [illegible] the Schools

Missionary House, Boston,
16th Nov. 1842.

Rev. William Hall
Allegany

My Dear Sir,

I almost fear you will think me very dilatory or at least neglectful of your affairs. Since my arrival here, which was on the 26th of October, after a favorable journey, during which the watchful providence of God was continually over me, I have been more than usually occupied with the agencies, partly by finding my own affairs behind hand, & partly by finding one of my associates so unwell as to oblige me to take his labor. This is the cause of the delay, & the same cause continuing obliges me to write very briefly now. — You will see by the statements made in the Herald how things stand. The treasury of the Board is in imminent danger of becoming sadly em-

P.S. A few days since I sent a few books to Mr. Wright for your little folks & some pictures for the schools.

time ago. We are for the first quarter after many years, which expired with October, about at a $2000 in arrears. Our agents are much discouraged with the difficulties they meet in collecting money. So far as collections have been made, they almost uniformly fall below those of last year. The general opinion seems to be that, taking the whole country, & those parts of it from which our funds come, money is more scarce now than at any former period during these years of embarrassment. You must be prepared then to learn that the Committee do not dare to appropriate more than $1,000 to your station. With this they hope you will be able to keep [illegible] Schools and keep Dea [illegible] along as you intend. [illegible] interesting & [illegible] their [illegible] religious instruction [illegible] time he is pursuing studies with reference to more effective missionary labors at a future day. Let me know what he says on this point, & whether the prospect is such that it is best to send him a few books to aid him.

We should be very glad to grant the whole sum you ask for, but the prospect in regard to receipts for the year will not permit it. If the Spirit of the Lord is poured down abundantly upon yourself, the teachers, the church, the schools, and the people generally, this sum allowed may carry saving influences to many souls, & fill yourself & all the people of God with joy & praise. Let your prayer & faith & reliance on God increase, as other dependences fail.

I hope to write the Indians in a few days abt boarding schools, &c. — I must tell a Jerusalem story. — Remembering the happy & interesting visit I had with your family & the Indians, & sending love to all I remain very truly yours

D Greene

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Missionary House, Boston

16 Nov 1862

Rev. Asher Wright

Seneca Mission

My Dear Sir

Yours of Nov. 1 to Mr. Hill has come to hand & been laid before the Committee. They have granted you all the allowance you asked for, expecting now to send it all in cash. If circumstances should render it advisable to send any portion of the amount in goods, we will endeavor to make it satisfactory. Our friends are likely to [illegible] this year. In the quarter which ended with October, the treasury has got in arrears about $20,000, & our agents tell dark stories respecting their prospects in raising money. Still we will not despair, nor be greatly frightened, just yet. The late wonderful deliverance is too recent to be forgotten. Still we must be cautious, we [illegible] [illegible] the anticipated deficiency of funds for [illegible]

I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] boarding school at the expense of the Board quite at rest for the present. And considering the pressing calls from all quarters, and from several tribes of Indians, much more unfavorably situated, & much more dependant than are the Senecas, I can have but little hope that the Board will ever be able to do more for them in this way.

I am glad to learn that there is a movement about the trust deed & the making sure the Seneca lands. I am afraid they will not succeed so as to avoid all future agitation on the subject. I hope you will inform me of the nature of the transaction & the probable operation of it, when you shall learn all about it.

I think you had better write Mr. Waworth on the subject of the mission property, including that at Tuscarora, as the first step.

If it should then be necessary, we will see Mr. Ogden.

I have ~~seen~~ conferred with some instrumere makers relation ground glasses for a telescope. They say, and they are disinterested men, as I suppose, that only a practised optician can adjust such glasses in a case, on account of the difficulty of "centering" them. They also say that 500 or 600 is as good a magnifying power for your purpose as 1000 or 1200; as the larger the magnifying power, the more difficult it is to adjust the instrument to unpractised eyes, & the easier is an object thrown out of the field of vision by jars or motions of any sort. As these men say, a power of 500 will show about all ~~that~~ can be seen on Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, & the Moon. In these matters I have very little practical knowledge. I will endeavor to write Mr. Holcomb at Southwick as soon as I can get a little ~~time~~ leisure from my present crowd of business.

A few days since I sent you some books for your little girl, & some pictures for Miss Mudgett. — With Christian regards to yourself & associates, I remain very truly yours, about in some manner so as to advance his cause & the cause of his [illegible]. I write in great haste having been greatly [illegible] since my return, in consequence of ill health of one [illegible]

Missionary House. Boston,
16 Nov. 1842.

Rev. Gilbert Rockwood
Tuscarora Mission.

My Dear Sir,

At a late meeting of the Prudential Committee, they voted to allow you $550 to expend at your station the coming year. This they hope will be sufficient to enable you to [illegible] employ all the [illegible] for the approaching winter. The deficiency in the treasury for the first quarter of the financial year, ending with October, is about $20,000, and we are apprehensive of very serious difficulties before the year shall terminate. We shall endeavor to do what is proper to keep up the contributions, and trust the Lord will [illegible] about in some manner so as to advance his cause & the honor of his name. I write in much haste having been greatly pressed with business since my return, in consequence of the ill health of one of my associates, throwing nearly a double duty on me.

Let me hear whether young Chew is disposed seriously to take hold and qualify himself to be a preacher to his people, & whether his father will so far encourage him in it, as to make it advisable to send him books with reference to such a result.

A few days since I sent to Mr. Wright, for your little children, two or three little books, & also some pictures for the school.

With Christian regards to yourself & your family, I remain very truly yours,

D. Greene

Missionary House, Boston,
25 Nov. 1862.

Rev. S. R. Riggs,
[illegible]

My Dear Sir,

Your letters of Oct. 15th, & Nov. 11th, came duly to hand, the former while I was on a journey in western New York. At the meeting of the Prudential Committee yesterday, the case of your mission was brought before them. As to the expenditures at the station at Lac qui Parle, the Committee voted to allow the estimates forwarded by Bro. Williamson, amounting for his family & Mr. Huggins, has fixed with freight & various incidentals, to $500. As for your own family, as you are cut off from the resources of the ground &c & somewhat unsettled state, you pro- it is difficult to specify any limits. the expenses must be met as they accrue. The Committee also voted to allow for purchasing to hire [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] employing native teachers, should it be deemed expedient to do any thing in that way, $200.

As the crops are ~~th~~ so short, I infer that there will be little opportunity to open any such schools with a prospect of success. We hope, therefore, that this last named sum ($200) may go towards the expenses of your family for the coming year all told & for necessary buildings, & some such purposes. In one of your communications you suggest the propriety of appropriating the allowance from the U.S. civilization fund to the purchase of cattle for the Indians, & aiding them in erecting buildings & in their agricultural matters. As to the intention of the Govt in that fund I suppose you are mistaken. We once asked permission to apply the portion received for the Ojibwas in the manner you propose. The Secretary of War consented to it for one year, but said that the object was education mainly, & he could not con

ing, & good nature & good sense. — Mr. [illegible] [illegible]
have not all we wish. I have lately written him.
Very truly yours in Christ D. Greene.

not to use it permanently applied in any other manner. In the present state of the funds, for the coming year [illegible] to Com^ee [illegible] they would not grant more than $100 for clothing & 50 pupils. We very much fear that next August will find us with nearly as heavy a debt as in August 1841. Our agents all tell dark stories.

Relative to a new station the Committee voted to authorize you to commence one, provided there be a place where you can reasonably calculate that a considerable body of Indians will be permanently congregated. They would have it begun on a small scale, making the expenditure, in the present condition of the treasury, as small as possible. You are also authorized to obtain a farmer ~~for the [illegible]~~ that is find one who is disposed to go — consult with him — examine into his case — & send testimonials forwarded to the Com^ee. If he have a wife let her be included. Good health should be indispensable, as should humble, deep piety, patient & efficient industry, & good nature & good sense. Mr. Longley's testimonials have not all come in yet. I have lately written him.

Very truly yours in Christ. D. Greene

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Missionary House Boston,

23d Nov. 1842.

Doct Thos. S. Williamson,
Lac qui Parle.

My Dear Sir,

Your favors of May and July 29th came duly to hand. Of your report, let me say that it gave me great pleasure because so full and so encouraging. The steady growth of the church in numbers & christian knowledge, the constantly increasing number of readers, the diminishing of the prejudice against labor, the disposition to live in a more settled and comfortable manner which some of the Indians feel, & the remarkably few deaths among the church members & in their families, are highly encouraging, and together show that the Lord is enabling you to do [illegible] for both the temporal & spiritual good of the Sioux. I hope that your work is but begun, & that as yet you have seen but the first fruits of your labors.

The Prudential Com., sometime since, au-
thorized Mr. Riggs to go forward and print all
the books which he prepared. The Com. are, however
apprehensive that your mission are pushing
the work of printing forward in advance
of ~~ye~~ other departments of labor, and they
would not think it advisable, as they now
view the case, to have much more print
done for some years to come.

In conformity with the suggestions & re
commendations of yourself & Mr Riggs, the Com. h
authorized your mission to establish a ne
station, at some eligible point, provi
one can be found, where it may confiden
be hoped that a considerable body of Indians
will be congregated ~~for~~ for years to come. T
be at the expense of erecting buildings & ma
king other arrangements, & then find that th
Indians are leaving the place, or that it is il
adapted for a permanent location, is very u
desirable.

The Committee have voted allow your
station at Lac qui Parle the sum i
in your estimate, viz.* $500 for the two fa
ilies & incidentals, $100 for clothing

* The year for which this appropriation is made is that from Jany 1 to Dec
1843. In this way we shall reckon it hereafter. D.G.

ils in the school, & $200 for native teachers, in all $800. The $200 for teachers we suppose will not probably be wanted for this purpose this year, as your Indians are losing their crops to so great an extent, & we hope it may remain for the support of Mr. Riggs' family after his return, or for erecting buildings at the new station, should one be commenced.

Our prospects for funds this year are perhaps quite as unfavorable as at any former period. In the first three months the treasury has fallen in arrears about $20,000, & our agents all tell dark stories as to the future. While we will hope and pray that no disastrous curtailment may be necessary, we must here, and the missionaries at all the stations must be very careful & practise the most vigilant & strict economy, looking for the time when the great inquiry shall be how to apply wisely the ample contributions of the churches & how to press forward the work of Christianization most vigorously & rapidly in all parts of the earth.

With Christian regards to all your associates in labor, I remain yours most truly,
D. Greene.

Missionary House. Boston.
25 Nov. 1862.

Mr. Jacob Hitchcock
Dwight Mission

My Dear Sir,

Yours of the 13th October came to hand on the 15th instant. It was such an exposé of some of the affairs at your station as I desired to see respecting the religious awakening at Dwight last summer. I had received some information from one or two sources previously to the arrival of your letter. The same particular [illegible] character was ascribed to the work by these persons as is given to it by your letter. The measures employed & the results were such as I was not wholly disappointed in hearing of [illegible] Covel, though I was not prepared to hear of such censorious & condemnatory remarks respecting the mission. I hope the way [illegible] I can [illegible] the judicious & steady course [illegible]

Worcester [illegible] subsisting [illegible]

Missionary House. Boston.

25 Nov 1842.

Mr. Jacob Hitchcock

Dwight Mission

My Dear Sir,

Yours of the 13th Octobr came to hand on the 10th instant. It was such an exposé of some of the affairs at your station respecting the religious [illegible] last summer, I had received some information from ~~in~~ one or two sources previously to the arrival of your letter. The same general character was ascribed to the work by those persons as is given to it by your letter. The measures employed & the results were such as I was not wholly disappointed in hearing of Covel, though I was not prepared to hear of such censorious & criminating remarks respecting the missions. I hope he may improve [illegible]

Worcester [illegible]

Children as a teacher.

I trust that you have lived long enough not to be greatly moved by such inconsiderate and unkind remarks. They ought neither to awaken much anxiety about the cause against which they are uttered, nor much arouse a vexation against him who utters them. The ministers and the stable church members, in those parts of the coun where there is the most piety & christian intelligence, are obliged to witness similar scenes acted over directly under their own eyes, or in the parishes around them; and in circumstances which threaten even more disastrous results than you have occasion to anticipate in such a community as you have at Dwight. I feel pretty confident that this radicalism, excitement, overturning, denouncing propensity, which exists so extensively in the christian community, & indeed, everywhere else, betokens some great changes in the state of society, whether for good or evil, I can say; though considering the age of the world in which we live & the promises of God, I cannot but hope instead of its subsiding in disgust & apathy, it a under the softening ~~[illegible]~~ molding, & guiding influences of christian truth & feeling, and in far greater fervent zeal, & far more self denying & vigorous efforts in every good work. Whatever may be the result, our duty is plain, - to be more humble & prayerful, more active & exemplary in all our endeavors to win the souls of men & render service to our God and Saviour. You must not give up your school children because you have witnessed gross mistakes & indiscretions in some attempts made to convert them. You must be the more diligent & earnest in the use of scripture & o. means for their spiritual good.

As to Mr. Copeland, you will probably have learned from my letter to him, ~~that~~, before the reception of your letter, the Comte had authorised him to return to the Choctaw Mission. In view of his own feelings, health, & adaptedness, together with the strong expressions of desire for the change which we had from Mr. Wright & many of the Choctaws, the Comee supposed that a change would be advisable. He had little prospect of being useful at Dwight, while there seemed to be a favorable opening for him among the Choctaws. — Can you do without a farmer, if Mr. Copeland leaves, & yet sustain your school? Ought we to try to obtain a farmer for you? Will not the burden devolved on yourself be too great? Let me hear soon.

Very respectfully & truly yours. D. Greene

Missionary House, Boston;
26 Nov. 1842.

Rev. Sherman Hall
La Pointe.

My Dear Sir

I have before me your favors of June 22d, July 8th, and Oct. 10th. The subject of allowances to your mission has been deferred till the last meeting of the Committee, principally on account of our not receiving estimates from the other stations. In this unsettled state they may have concluded to send none. The Committee therefore decided to act upon the estimate for La Pointe; and as Mr. Boutwell writes that means he shall not probably have occasion to draw for any thing this year, they will leave the case of Messrs. Ayer & Ely to be considered hereafter.

For La Pointe the Committee voted to allow the sum named by you $1265, and have

Sproat, & $260 for each for yours and Mr. Wheeler's, $260 for interpreter, & the remainder for other labor, schools, medicines &c.

In allowing this estimate, the Comee presume that it is made as low as the situation of your families & the condition & prospects of the station permit. Still, if, owing to improvements in any department of your labors or any favoring providential circumstance you can bring your drafts below that amount, it is very desirable that you should do so. The agents tell us, & from what we know, we doubt not they say truly that it will require great effort to keep the ~~funds~~ receipts of the Board for this year anywhere near what they were the last. We are already about $2000 in debt again, & fear that before the year expires, we shall be as much in arrears as we were in July 1841. People every where feel poor. Other objects are presenting powerful claims. We will do what we can; but fear that the time is distant when all perplexity about pecuniary means will cease.

Are you taking pains to prepare Blatchford to be a preacher? If ~~he~~ his mind and heart are right for it, it is [illegible] very [illegible] that he should be in a course of training such that this? Employing him as interpreter & helper translator in all their advantages must he not pursue a somewhat systematic course of reading & study, & are you not aiming at this that he should have his own books a [illegible] seminary or school. But let him where he is pursue a course, which if the blessing of the Lord shall follow it, shall in two or three years qualify him for some subordinate place as a teacher ~~or~~ religious guide. It is so difficult now to obtain good missionaries for the Indians, & so much time is them to be expended in acquiring the language, that I am convinced that if Indian missions are to be continued & vigorously prosecuted, it must be in a great measure by means of native teachers & preachers. No time ought to be lost in selecting promising candidates, & bringing them forward as fast as circumstances will permit, avoiding as much as possible great expenses for the object. Considerable is now doing for this purpose at some of the Indian missions.

We are pained at the continued unsettled state of affairs at Pokegama, and the circumstances of discouragement and exposure under which the brethren connected with that translation are obliged to labor. It is to be hoped that the U.S. Government will not permit matters to remain long as they are now. What effect will Mr Shead's new treaty have on the Sioux & Ojibwa quarrel? By the way, where does this treaty send the Ojibwas? - north, west, or east? On this point neither your letter nor his (recently received) gives any information. Has any remuneration for mission property been secured? When are the Indians to remove? These agitations are great discouragements in our work, and they are sad calamities for the Indians. When will the time come when the Indians shall sit quietly down & feel permanently the enlightening & saving influences of the Gospel of Christ; They are going through a fiery ordeal. How many of them are to be saved & become a civilized & christian people, enjoying all the advantages of ~~intell~~ intellectual and social improvement, we cannot foretell. But we are permitted to see, though the process is slow, that some tribes are advancing perhaps as fast as any other people; the Spirit of the Lord is poured down, and not in fruitless [illegible] to God. In this way, God is saying to us Go forward. It is a work which he approves, and in prosecuting it, we will hope that his anger will by & by be turned away from them, and the better day dawn.

Mr. Stuart has lately written me expressing the liveliest interest in your operations at La Pointe, approving in strong terms of your proceedings and apologising for the distrust with which, under the influence of misrepresentation, he has heretofore regarded the mission.

Mr. Oakes son called on me with his uncle a few weeks since. I shall take pleasure in showing the young man any attentions in my power.

Mr. Boutwell's package has been forwarded.

With Christian regard to Mrs Hall & all your associates, I remain yours

Very truly, David Greene.

Missionary House, Boston.
26 Nov. 1842.

Rev. W. T. Boutwell
Pokegama

My Dear Sir

Your favor of the 15th September came to hand three weeks since, and I am sorry to learn by it that all the embarrassments and discouragements with which you have been laboring ~~of~~ at Pokegama are still continuing, & that without any prospect of being speedily terminated. As to the character of the treaty with the Sioux, or the prospect of its being ratified I know very little: From the outlines of it which I have seen, I should think it indicates quite as much regard for the interests of the Sioux, as treaties with the Indians usually do. Mr. Stuart last winter expressed strong desire that it should be ratified and exerted himself to the utmost to ~~going~~ bring it about, but was thwarted by the [illegible] interest as he supposed. How is this ~~[illegible]~~ treaty with the Ojibwas?

As to your remaining at Pokeguma. I would merely say, that if the condition of the Ojibwas was likely to remain for a number of years as it now is, we should by no means think it advisable for you to remain there. But, though much uncertainty seems to hang over the future, we cannot suppose that things will long remain as they are. Some changes will undoubtedly result from these treaties, and as we know not what steps to take next, we may stand where we are and patiently wait the indications of Providence. Probably between this and the opening of spring some more light will be cast on the results of both the Sioux & Ojibwa treaties. The opinion of the Committee therefore is that you had better remain where you are for the present, taking care of the property & employing your time as well as possible for your own good & that of the Ojibwas. May the Spirit of the Lord be with you your wife in your loneliness, causing you to enjoy those heavenly consolations which arise from communing with God, & having the conversation in heaven. Our prayer shall be that yourself & family may be protected from savage violence, & that sickness & death may not in any form invade your dwelling.

From Mr. Ayer at Oberlin, I received a letter dated 5th Oct. though uncertain as to his course, he seemed rather inclined to return ~~on~~ soon to Pokegama. Where he now is, whether in Ohio or in the Ojibwa country, I have no information. Still I think of writing him, presuming he is somewhere in your quarter.

A package which you forwarded through Mr. Hall came safely to hand & has gone to your friends.

With my best Christian regards to your wife & yourself, I remain very truly

Yours. D. Greene.

Sabine was from your town.

Missionary House. Boston

26 Nov. 1862

Mr. Edmund F. Ely

Fond du Lac.

My Dear Sir.

Your favors of June 20, & Aug 20th came duly to hand, since their reception the business of the annual meeting of the Board together with a journey of three weeks, have consumed so much time that my correspondence has of necessity got much in arrears. I hope not often to permit letters to lie so long unanswered.

In your unsettled condition, while you evidently feel the need of advice, and while we too should be glad to aid you all in our power, it is still, considering the time which must elapse in making your emergencies known & in getting a word to you in respect to, almost impossible for us to give you any which will probably be appropriate and

it shall be received by you. In such an
unsettled state of things you must be
daily adapting your plans & labors to
meet the daily changes which are oc-
curing. So far as we can enter into the
state of things with you, we fully appro-
ve of the course you have adopted. Your
church members & all who have been in
your instruction need looking after, coun-
selling, & strengthening, & we are very glad
that yourself & Mrs. Ely had a heart to en-
gage in this laborious & self denying
work. I trust you have had the favor
of the Lord & peace of conscience in it;
& I cannot but hope that these expe-
riences may yet lead to the formation of
some new plans & to a more efficient
& successful prosecution of the mission
work among the Ojibwas. I feel confi-
dent you will find yourselves getting a
stronger hold on the affections of the Ind.
by thus sharing their hardships & expo-
sures with them. The same gracious God

P.S. Be assured of my sympathy with you in all your cares in all in
troubles, & accept my Christian regards for yourself & Mrs. Ely. D. G.

Has hitherto taken care of yourself & family, will, I trust, make good to you his promise to be with you alway.

26 Nov. 1842.

Now, even if he does send sorrows and bereavements, are you therefore to infer ~~that~~ his kindness is gone, or that you are not ~~the~~ objects of his love. Times of the heaviest afflictions have often been to the people of God periods of the greatest spiritual benefit and enjoyment. They often were so in Bible times, & I presume ~~they~~ have been so in every age since. If God deals so by us, let us not think him unkind, but cleave to him the more by love & faith, & more cheerfully & diligently serve him. These afflictions will take away sin, & they will work out a far more exceeding & eternal weight of glory. May the ~~blessing~~ blessing of God rest on yourself & family. May he guide you in your work, pour down his Spirit on you & on the Indians, and cause you to rejoice in these times of darkness & perplexity in view of the great power which he gives to your ministrations. Souls born of God will more than compensate for all your trials & afflictions endured in your work. D. Greene.

Missionary House. Boston
26 Nov. 1842.

Rev. Sherman Hall
La Pointe

My Dear Sir,

I wrote to you a few hours ago, but forgot to notice yours of August 20th, written in connection with one from Mr. Ely in regard to your visit to the east. I presume you have desired earnestly, and if your own mind is satisfied with the decision, I am sure the Committee will not object.

Relative to the amount to be printed, let me remark, that I am apprehensive that a somewhat undue portion of time and strength is devoted to the work of translating & preparing books and teaching in your mission.

As among the Sioux, & thus among the Choc-taws - perhaps also than the Chippewas.

Perhaps your mission has more reason for this course than the two last named. But I want to see more done in the way of direct *preaching*, with the *voice* — more mingling with the Indians - more taking hold of them & pulling them out of the fire. It seems to me that the New Testament makes peculiar provision for these efforts as the means of saving men. This, too, it seems to me, is the way to get the idioms of the language, & acquire the ability to use it with effect. Mr. Anderson has had his attention much turned of late to the preponderance of book making in the missions with which he corresponds, over other kinds of labor & especially preaching. You can at least think of it.

As yet we have heard nothing from your brother respecting your little girl. If he requires it, the usual appropriation will be made to her, and we shall be pleased to do any thing in our power to benefit her.

I have just written to Mr. Ely, supposing him still to be near Fond du Lac. The letter may probably get into your hands. If so, please forward it.

Very truly Yours &c,

D Greene

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Missionary House. Boston.
27 Nov. 1842.

Rev. Saml A. Worcester,

Park Hill.

My Dear Sir,

In reply to your favor of the 26 Oct. permit me to say that if you will recur to my letter to you of Feb. 24 and 25, 1836, you will find your inquiries respecting obtaining the labor of slaves in the manner you propose, answered, at least so far as the views of the Committee at that time are concerned. I am confident that their views have not changed since. If it should be known that you had done a thing which could so easily be perverted into a participation in slavery by [illegible] government.

chase of slaves, the Board would be denounced in the severest terms as pro-slavery, and unworthy of confidence. It would be regarded as returning again to evil practices from which it had years ago reformed. and if we were not quite abandoned by the abolitionists, as being incorrigible, the Board would be flooded with petitions at its next meeting. My own opinion is that such a method of securing emancipation to slaves is all right & humane. I am so much an enemy to slavery that, if I could not get rid of it all in a lump, as I desired, I would, if I could, secure a part, even if it was only one man. But as matters now are, it is doubtless expedient for the Board to keep clear of any proceeding which may cause an outbreak of opposition from those who are are carefully watching our movements.

Your favor of Aug. 26th. was duly received. I am glad to receive the particulars of your printing though they did not reach me in season to work them into the annual report. If you will give me the particulars for the current year up to the first of July next, I will work all of them, up to that time into the report for next year, should I be spared to write it.

I see that the Am. Tract Soc. now in their Christian Almanac have a method of arranging the calendar which they represent as fitting it to answer for any latitude. One or two of them Almanacs I sent to Mr. Byington & Wright at their request, some months since. If this would answer for your latitude, it would save us some $30 or $40. We could send you copies about mid summer.

Please inform Mr. Cooil of my Christian regard & sympathy under his bereavement.

Very truly yours in Christ D. Greene

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Missionary House. Boston
28th. Nov. 1862

Mr. Frederic Ayer
Pokeguma

My Dear Sir, Your favor of the 5th Oct. from Oberlin came to hand in due time, & would have been acknowledged much earlier, had you not left the point undecided whether you should not immediately start for the Ojibwa country. I was at a loss to know where to direct a letter with the expectation that you would receive it while in the States. And as you did not write as though you were fully determined to return to the Ojibwas this fall, I write in uncertainty whether this will reach you or not.

The acknowledgement of donations which you specify has been made in the Herald. The Youths' companion will have the direction changed as you desire.

As the letter which you mentioned as intended to write, relative to the amount of the manner of the allowance to be made for the support of yourself & family, has not come to hand, the matter has not of course been laid before the Comm. & will not be till we hear more from you, especially as to the amount. I know no reason why the Com. should make the allowance as you propose. The allowances are now made for the calendar year from January to December, and not as formerly, from August to July, to correspond with the financial year of the Board. Still the estimates should come in before the annual meeting of the Board that we may have the aggregate to work with at that time.

As to your proposals to receive ordination, & to have your family in these parts for the next year, I see no occasion to remark. If you take the responsibility of the gospel ministry upon you in this more formal & solemn manner, I trust you will feel your need of, will find imparted to you, that grace & wisdom which come from only the indwelling influences of the Holy Spirit. If the Lord calls you to this work, I pray that he may give you great joy & great success in prosecuting the labors of it.

The steps you took relative to your draft will, I presume, be entirely satisfactory to the treasurer. I think we have never made any complaint of want of economy in yourself or your associates at Pokegama. On the other hand, I take great pleasure in saying that you have appeared to taken great pains to relieve the treasury of the Board so far as lay in you alone, from the heavy burden which has so encumbered it the last six years, till recently. We are now in no small danger of another debt.

What is to be the issue of this troublous state of things among your Indians. Perhaps it is to give us some new views of the work or the manner of prosecuting it, which may result in their more speedy conversion to Christ.

Very truly yours in gospel labor, David Greene

Missionary House. Boston.
28 Nov. 1862

Rev Daniel S. Butrick
Mount Zion,

My Dear Sir,

Yours of the 13 of Aug. came duly to hand and would have been replied to long since, had not my time been unceasingly occupied in other labors and journeyings.

It gives me great pleasure to see from time to time your letters, as they come to hand, that the Lord is blessing your labors, and as able to be & you are gathering the Indians, now one alone, & then again one or two, into the fold of Christ. May they all prove in the great day to belong to the true fold, & be recognized by the Great Shepherd, & be admitted to eternal glory. But when are we to have substituted for these single droppings, the showers, when converts shall flock to Christ as a cloud and as doves to their windows? When shall the great and difficult [illegible] of the Indians turn to the Lord. Are the faith and [illegible] each zeal, & fervor of prayer, & laboriousness of the missionaries such that ~~may then~~ the result might be expected, as one corresponding to the means used? Or are the faith, prayer, self denial and self consecration of the churches at home the first that they have any right to expect such things, or would believe them if they should come to their eyes? I fear that both the Missionaries & the churches would be greatly disappointed & even confounded, if their prayers should be answered, & God should pour out his Spirit in as large measures, & hasten forward the work of the world's conversion as rapidly as they ask. Let us see whether we are willing to trust God, to believe his promises, & to honor as we ought the greatness of the divine power and mercy. Is he as willing and as able to save as the Scriptures represent him to be?

As to the limitations to which the printed letter you mention referred, let me say that you probably have had no limit assigned to your expenditures, on account of the unsettled state in which you have been in since your removal from the old nation. Your change of place, building, &c. have rendered it difficult to assign a limit. Hereafter the Committee will expect you to send in an estimate each year, of what you may be expected to need for the next year, the year for allowances beginning with January; and it is desirable that your estimate should reach us by the first of August, so that it may be acted on &

With Christian regards to Mr Baker I remain
Very truly Yours
David Greene.

Missionary House Boston,
29 Nov. 1842. Dr. Hill

results, in connection with the limitations from the other missions may be ~~made~~ known before the annual meeting of the Board, & be used there, if necessary. In furnishing your estimate we wish you to include every thing, the charges made here, as well as other items. You may class the several items such as personal & household expenses — interpreter — School — repairs — &c.

For the year just beginning, it will not be necessary for you to send any estimate, as your aggregate as you give it, will answer, & is probably as near as circumstances will permit you to make it. Appearances now are that it is to be an unfavorable year for our treasury. For the first quarter now closed, we have run nearly $20,000 in debt, & our agents all tell dark stories about the collections. If we should, without the possibility of avoiding it, be as deeply in debt next ~~July~~ August, as we were in August, 1840, we should not be greatly surprised. So you see that there are reasons enough why you should make your expenditures this year as small as practicable. The great and growing missions beyond sea are constantly calling for more, and really need more money.

With Christian regards to Mr. Batch, I remain
Very truly Yours.
David Greene.

Missionary House, Boston,
29 Nov. 1842.

Mr. Charles C. Copeland,
Stockbridge Choc. Na.

My Dear Sir,

Your favor of September 27th came duly to hand. Mr. Hill has seen your account. We shall not regard it as extravagant, but let me say that it greatly relieves our minds just now to see accounts of small expenditures come in, with evidence of economy & good management; for, if we may judge from the last three months, we are likely, before the year shall expire, judge with July next, to be as deeply in debt as we were in July, 1841. Our agents all tell us many dark stories about the scarcity of money & labor, the difficulty of raising the collections up to the requisite standard. But we will not be unduly anxious, after the wonderful deliverance the Lord wrought for us a year ago.

Mr. Hill desires me to say that he supposes Mr. Kingsbury has funds of the Board on hand sufficient to furnish you with the $50.—

you will need. Should he not have the mon for you, & you will inform us of it, Mr. Hill will immediately forward a draft.

The donations of articles which you mention & others will be forwarded as you request, with the books for which you wrote some months ago. As the time for forwarding packages has arrived, they will be sent I presume, with little delay.

As ~~to you~~ to the place where you can labor permanently, with the best prospect of doing good, you can judge much better than I. You will, of course yield to the judgment of the Missionary brethren on the subject. If the station lately occupied by Mr. Jones is in a healthful location, with a fair opening for usefulness around, and expense and labor would be saved by re-occupying that, such a course would seem desirable, un- some other place ~~he~~ holds out decidedly better promise of usefulness. But the elder brethren in the Mission, who are familiar with the whole field, will take pleasure in getting you located where you will be most useful, and in their judgment in the matter we shall rest satisfied.

As it is said to have been an uncommonly healthful season in Arkansas, I had hoped that the mission families, who have suffered so heavily in years past, would this year be saved from distressing sickness. I am sorry to learn from you that Mr Byington's family has been again visited. May God mercifully spare the lives of you all, & in the midst of their affliction, make such communications of his grace & sustaining comfort, as shall incomparably more than ~~ought~~ outweigh all the chastisement he brings upon you or the

With Christian regards to yourself & to Mr. & Mrs. Byington, I remain

very truly yours.

David Greene

Missionary House Boston
29 Nov. 1842.

Miss Hannah Moore
Dwight Mission

Dear Madam,

Your favor of Aug. 4th came duly to hand and has been permitted to remain to this unanswered on account of other urgent business. On some topics introduced into it I will remark briefly.

As to the inquiries with what you say [illegible] and [illegible] to children are beaten, and the readiness at both with which the children of the rich and half-bloods are received to the school I know nothing more than you say. Let me inquire if you have ever conferred with the mission family, especially Mr. Hitchcock, respecting it, expressing candidly & fully your views. Have you conferred with Mr. Worcester & Doct. Butler on the subject? Are you acquainted with the reasons or the [illegible] on account of which pupils are received or rejected? This is an interesting and important subject. How can the school be made to accomplish the most good for the Cherokees as individuals & as a community? I hope it will receive attention. But I must not presume that the course pursued is wrong till I have made [illegible]

It gives me pain to have you write of
the mission family not coöperating with yourself
and Mr. Covel in promoting a revival in the
school, and implying that your associates are
cold and indifferent ~~as they~~ as to the spiritual
interests of the pupils. Are ~~ye~~ you quite sure
that Mr. & Mrs Hitchcock do not desire a re-
vival & pray for it as earnestly as yourself or
Mr Covel? Might they not, with their standing
and experience in the Christian life, & their know-
ledge of the Cherokees, have had good and adequate f
caution & distrust. It is not at all improbabl
that when you have been half as long in the
fold of Christ or among the Indians, as they ha
you may view things as they do. So far as I know,
Mr. Hitchcock, Mr. Worcester, & Doct. Butler are of
one mind on those points where you think censure is
deserved. Ought I to distrust them, after they have been fo
17 to more than 20 years patiently & diligently labor
in this work, merely because they differ in judgme
from ~~with~~ a young man who had scarcely been as
many days in the country, & probably did not k
the faces of an hundred Indians? I would not qu
the earnest desire of yourself & Mr. Covel to be instrum
of saving the souls of the Indians, but I have no reason
believe that your associates named above are less ear
in that desire than you; while, as to means and measures
for ~~the~~ securing that object, their maturity in the Christian l
and long acquaintance with the Indians must give the
at least equal advantages for judging correctly. I
really fear that you are seriously interfering with you
own happiness & usefulness, and at the same time disp

ing Christ and hindering the growth of a humble, peaceful piety in your own heart by ~~in~~ cherishing, as your letter seems to imply, a feeling of distrust, dissatisfaction, & censoriousness toward your associates. I hope you will examine your own heart & conduct carefully on this point. I am sure it will do you no hurt, even if I am mistaken about the fact, & it may do you much good. I fear, if you are not guarded on this point, ~~that~~ you will by & by get into a state of mind, which will prevent any thing at the station seeming right, or any labor pleasant or useful, or any relation to your associates consistent with your own happiness.

You must not consider me as unkind or severe in writing as I have done. I need not say that I sincerely desire your happiness ~~and~~ usefulness. I think you are not laboring happily or satisfactorily to yourself at present, & I fear that you will not hereafter, unless your ~~own~~ views should be more conformed to those of your associates, or theirs to yours. We must ever bear in mind, when we are associated with others, we need a spirit of love & compassion, & a disposition to put the most favorable construction admissible, on the motives, views, & conduct of those around us. My hope is that as you advance in your labors, you will find them becoming more satisfactory, & yourself more happy & useful in them; and that, as you have more opportunity to try the characters of your associates, you will find them more deserving of your confidence and love, & your own heart & theirs more united in prayer & in zealous endeavors to forward the spiritual good of the Indians.

May the God of all wisdom & grace impart to us all such gifts as we need to serve him most vigorously and acceptably & to the best effect, & enable us all to honor the cause of our Master by a holy ~~conduct~~ spirit in Christ,

Yours truly yours brother in Christ, David Greene.

Missionary House. Boston.
28th Nov. 1842.

Miss Sophia Sawyer
Fayetteville, Ark.

Dear Madam,

I embrace a few minutes at this late day to reply to yours of the 3d of August, though I have nothing more to say than what, or something like what, I have said or written you many times before, and should you sit down with your Bible in your hand & your heart lifted up to God in prayer, as ought you could give yourself as good counsel in respect to nearly all your greatest difficulties & burdens, as you can expect to get from any one else. You must graduate your work by the strength which the Lord gives you as well as you can;

your limit, you must stop quietly and contentedly, and leave the world in God's hand to be managed, with all its affairs, little and great, just as he thinks best. You must not wonder that other people do not think as you do, & view things in the same light; but just let them have their own way, doing all that you properly can to keep them right.

As to sufferings & anxieties every body has more a lot of them. The less we think of them, the less we shall suffer from them, & the less they will do to wear us out. In all common cases it is doubtless wisest and best to take the most cheerful view of things that circumstances will permit, & to live a life of hope, rather than of foreboding.

I should think you wise, after becoming established as you have, at Fayetteville, not to leave there & return into the nation.

May God give you peace like a river that nothing may offend you, & give you too, great success in your work. Very truly your friend

D. Greene

Miss. Rooms, [illegible] Boston.

Rev Cutting Marsh · Oct 29, 1840.

Stockbridge, W. T.

My Dear Sir,

Your communication respecting the present state of your Indians and their prospects, bearing date 19 Oct. came duly to hand, & I thank you for it. On a few of the points you bring up I will make a remark or two.

You speak of being discouraged in your work. I would not wonder [illegible] have vexations and hindrances in abundance [illegible] are real & great. Nor do I think it strange that you at some times feel in a kind of desponding feeling. But it is best therefore not to [illegible] should shut them up in your own bosom, except so far as you may pour them out before God in humble prayer, & perhaps into the ear of that one friend whom God has given to participate in your private grief, and cheer you on in your work. If the Indians are allowed to know much about it, your influence with them will soon [illegible]. All I should fear [illegible] remarks made [illegible] petulant, dissatisfied, complaining [illegible] [illegible] of them [illegible] may have.

do not profit as much as you might reasonably expect, under your instructions & influence, will very certainly give offence, without resulting in any good. The Indians are dull scholars, & so are you & I, in the School of Christ; but woe to us, if God should be discouraged with us.

What you can do to excite an interest among the Indians in behalf of educating their children I do not know. Obviously something needs to be done. Yet every thing may be involved in difficulty, while the U.S. government hold back what is due for this purpose. Your interference in the matter might be deemed by them as uncalled for & impertinent, since you have given up the schools to them. Still, it seems to me that you should bring up the matter before them individually & the assembled people; & in a kind and respectful way urge it upon them, not to blame them for the past, but to encourage & lead them to perform a duty so important to their children & their people. Give them your aid whenever in the matter it can be acceptable & useful to them. The reason why the Government do not pay is, I presume, the same as that why many individuals do not pay what is due ~~them~~ from them — they are too poor.

Perhaps you might with propriety and effect write Mr. Stuart on this subject, who as Superintendent of Indian affairs in your quarter, may have influence with the Govt on the point.

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them more pleasant. It would require in you some a pretty strong [illegible] to induce [illegible] to abandon [illegible] French. But probably the [illegible] are more attached to their [illegible] It would not [illegible] their pres- [illegible] to gen- [illegible] state of Neo- [illegible] rapid lap- [illegible] even they [illegible] Dept. along [illegible] sole govern- [illegible] seems to me that [illegible] let them become [illegible] independent as they [illegible] will be, [illegible] Unless [illegible] subject [illegible] you will do wisely [illegible] unless they [illegible] his wise pro- [illegible] these Indian [illegible] seems to me that when [illegible] comes upon [illegible] overwhelmed & [illegible] race [illegible] relative [illegible] their own is easier to

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What you say respecting sending young Indians to school in the white settlements, ~~old~~ Committee fully agrees in accordance with their general views of the subject. [illegible] more limitations to those educated in mission boarding schools. Still let me inquire if there is not one among your Indians, who in all respects promising, & who can be put in a course of training among his own people yet under your counsel & superintendence with reference to his ultimately becoming a [illegible] teacher & preacher to his own people? We must soon come to this among these half civilized tribes, who ought soon to sustain their own institutions; [illegible] probably never will till they have native [illegible] as of their own blood. I am trying to accomplish something in this way among the Choctaws, Cherokees, & New York Indians. We have already [illegible] good Cherokee teachers, [illegible] training process. Two promising candidates [illegible] among the Choctaws, & we are now trying to put two in this course of study among the New York Indians, & hope to succeed.

As to the people giving up their own language and adopting the English you must not expect too much.

them & more pleasant. It would require in you some a pretty strong sense of duty to induce us to abandon our mother tongue & adopt the Latin or French. But probably the Indian tribes are more attached to their several dialects than we are to ours. It would not be strange if your Indians did not, in their present location, learn the English language so generally & so well as they did while in the State of New York, as I suppose they now have much less intercourse with the white people than they then had.

How your Indians are to get along in their municipal affairs & be well governed ~~& protected~~, I do not well see. It seems to me that great evils stare them in the face, let them become citizens of the U.S. or remain independent as they now are. On which side the greatest evils lie, it may not be easy to determine. Unless you have much more light on this subject than I have, it seems to me that you will do wisely not to interfere much in the matter, unless they ask it of you; but leave it for God in his wise providence to turn events as he will. If these Indian remnants become citizens, it seems to me that when the wave of white population fairly comes upon them, they must be ~~[illegible]~~ overwhelmed & vanish away, or linger a poor & degraded race not from stern necessity, but owing to the relative character & position of themselves and the frontier white population. But if they remain independent, & undertake to govern ~~them~~ themselves, ignorant, weak, regardless of authority, & disaffected as they are, we can not hope for a much better result. They fill the mind with melancholy thoughts. Let us look at them in the best light we can. They are entitled to our patient labor, to our sympathy, & our prayers; & above all, we should ~~labor these~~ when be induced by this view of their earthly prospects, to labor to prepare them, as they pass off from the stage of trouble & sorrow, to enter the house not made with hands where there is no more of sin, & no corrupting influence, & where all their folly & ignorance will be exchanged for the more perfect cultivation of heart & mind, & the more enlarged knowledge which are found in heaven.

With Christian regards to Mr. Marsh & yourself, I remain very truly

Yours David Greene

P.S. Perhaps old Mr. Peterson may remember my visit in 1829. Please give my Christian love to the old gentleman—

D. G.

Missionary House, Boston.
7 Dec. 1862.

Mrs. Elizabeth T. Ayer,
Oberlin. O.

Dear Madam.

Your favor in connection with the Rev. [illegible] of Nov. 26th came to hand yesterday. From what I have written to him you will perceive that the Committee think neither the condition of the Ojibwas, nor the state of the treasury is such as to make it seem advisable to send forth additional laborers to their country at this time. If the state of things with them & with the Board should be settled this winter, then circumstances would be materially altered, & it ~~may~~ might very likely be important to send in some additional laborers. If the government should, however, send in all the farmers, carpenters, & blacksmiths your situation, provision are made in the treaty

Probably the Committee would not deem it expedient to send a more lay helpers not devoting their time principally devoted to the spreading religious instruction, - but would confine their efforts to sending religious instruction; as there is where the great dispensing would be.

I am glad to hear of the prosperous journey you have had & the kind and Christian manner in which you have been received by your friends and the friends of missions generally. I trust that ~~not~~ none of those who are engaged in the great work of propagating the gospel will ever fail to share in the sympathies, ~~the~~ the prayers and the kind offices of the friends of Christ. It gives me pleasure also to learn ~~that~~, in reference to yourself and your children, your circumstances are likely to be so satisfactory for the winter.

Till your letter was received, I was not aware that Mr Ayer had returned to the Ojibwa country, though I presumed from his love to the Indians, that he had, & I lately wrote him on that presumption, in reply to his letter received some time before. I hope & pray that the Lord may make him & his associates a means of instruction and comfort ~~fr~~ to the unhappy wanderers from Pokeguma.

Should you visit Massachusetts next Spring, I should like much, should you find it convenient, to see you here. May the Lord graciously take care of yourself & your children while absent from your field of labor.

Very respectfully & truly yours, in Christ,
David Greene

The following P.S. was appended to a duplicate of the letter to J. Ross Esqr on page 393.

P.S. Decr. 13, 1842.

The foregoing you perceive is a copy of what I wrote almost three months since. As no reply has come to hand I forward this to you. I shall forward the press, type, and office furniture &c, whether I hear from you or not, as they can now be ready at any time.

D. Greene.

William Richards, brother of Rev. James Richards, missionary to Ceylon: born in Plainfield, Mass. Aug 22, 1793: prof. rel. Aug 1811 fitted for college under his pastor, Rev. Moses Hallock: grad. Williams College 1819: Andover Sem. 1822: ord. with Rev. William Goodell and Artemas Bishop at New Haven, Sept.12, 1822: emb. in ship Thames, Capt. Clasby New Haven, Nov.19,1822: ar. Honolulu April 27, 1823: stationed at Lahaina, on Maui, May 31, 1823. Made a visit to the U. States from Dec. 9, 1836 to March 27, 1838. Being called to other labors for the advancement of the people in connection with the government, as the king's counseller, he was released July 3, 1838. Went to England as ambassador, 1842 - 1845. Minister of Public Works Instruction Sept. 1846. Died at Honolulu Nov.7, 1847

Missionary House, Boston,
14 Dec. 1842.

Mr. Jacob Hitchcock
Dwight Mission.

My Dear Sir,

Your favor of Nov. 1st relating to Mr. Orr came duly to [illegible] hand & was presented by submitted to the Prudential Committee. On only one point was there any ground for hesitation ~~on~~ in the view of the Committee. They esteem Mr. Orr as to character and other qualifications as uncommonly well qualified for the post which it is proposed he occupy; and taking his experience in the work for twenty years into the calculation they would prefer him to any other man, to take charge of the farm at your station.

Mr. Orr when he left Dwight, received from the Board about $1000 to

aid him in support of his family. If
now if he should return to labor again
in the missionary work, what would be
the understanding respecting that grant
& the portion of it may have been consu
in the current expenses of his family, when
probably the larger portion of it has been
invested in some manner. If Mr Or
should return and labor at the missi
eight or ten years, or more, and then
should find it desirable, for any cause,
to retire again, would another outfit
be required? Is this the supposition of missi
onaries, object, or fairly, according to the prin
ciples on which missionary affairs have bee
conducted.

If Mr. Orr can return to the Bo
the amount received, or can place it, or [illegible]
it, in such a condition, that, should he aga
leave the missionary work, it would avail
able for his support, & prevent the nec
of a return allowance for a purpose [illegible]

for which the former $1000 was granted,
the difficulty in the way of [illegible] relating to
the missionary work, in the view of the Committee
would be removed.

The Committee would refer the
case to you. If the matter can be [illegible]
to go to and complete the [illegible] stated heretofore
and agree with the terms of [illegible] by Dr.
at a future time, upon [illegible]
authorized, in behalf of the Committee,
to invite Mr. Dr to return to Dwight.
& the Committee will, if that is deemed de-
sirable, reappoint him an assistant
missionary. The case is referred to you, be-
cause the Committee suppose that, if it
were to be made a matter of correspondence,
and the decision be postponed till all the facts
could be submitted to them and acted upon,
and to get back to him, it might be too late
for him to get return to Dwight in season to
[illegible] the early spring work on the farm.
[illegible] to learn that there are some indications [illegible]
[illegible] with you. May [illegible]
Very truly yours in Christ. D. Greene.

Missionary House. Boston.
14 Dec. 1842.

Mr. Jerh Slingerland
Bangor Seminary.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 2d came duly to hand and has been laid before the Committee, with the note added by Dr. Pond. I have also had an interview with Dr. P. while he was on his visit here a few days since.

At the present time & under existing circumstances, the Committee would not think it advisable to make any formal appointment of you as teacher to the Indians at Old Town or to enter into any permanent engagements with them. Still they think it desirable that an experiment should be made and a Christian and saving influence

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be exerted upon them if the Lord opens their hearts to it. The Committee will, therefore allow you two days a week for the [illegible] them [illegible], to enable you to visit them and [illegible] of your week [illegible] among them. At the close of each period the Committee desire you to forward to them a statement of the time & the amount of labor perform[ed] among them probably both in school and the more exclusively religious meetings, also the [illegible] these [illegible] remained on the island or in the vicinity during the greater [illegible] who have attended school each day [illegible] of the progress has been made [illegible] in reading [illegible] instruction; & the prospect in both these respects, should your efforts among them [be] continued. We shall be glad also to learn what efforts are made by the papists & others to counteract your labors, & how the Indians are affected

In view of the facts, as they may then appear, the Committee will decide whether they will make further appropriations for carrying forward the work or not. Should the prospects be favorable, they will probably authorize you to continue your labors at the expense of the Board.

You are probably acquainted with Mr. Osunkhirhine, our Indian preacher to the Abenaquis, at St. Francis, L.C. Is not the language of the Penobscots nearly the same as that of the Abenaquis? If so perhaps some of Mr. Osunkhirhines books & tracts might be of use among your Indians.

I would pray & hope that the Lord will enable you to be an instrument of great spiritual good to the unhappy remnant of Indians to whom he has turned your attention.

Very truly yours D Greene

Missionary House, Boston
16 Dec. 1842.

Rev. Asher Bliss.
Cattaraugus.

My Dear Sir,

Your letter of 29th Nov. was received to day. I am sorry to learn that [illegible] by [illegible] your arrangements by the [illegible] keep [illegible] your [illegible]. I have [illegible] you [illegible]. I [illegible] the [illegible] but then [illegible] they will be found by using [illegible] in the [illegible] and [illegible] where the [illegible] by what [illegible] I fear much that we shall be [illegible] expire with next July, and in what is a [illegible] of labor where [illegible] be [illegible] than where there is reason [illegible] at your station. It is quite possible that before Spring you may find that you are getting along better than you anticipate. If boxes of donations [illegible] you, & you will send us a list of such articles as will be most useful to you, [illegible] as are likely to be received by [illegible]

we can send them when the navigation is
the third open again in the Spring. If you send
by & took name the articles which you must have
to ... them [illegible] [illegible] the best ...
them. [illegible] [illegible] which you suppose
that the Indians may pay you, may, I presume
year [illegible] [illegible] your station, who
in [illegible] you [illegible] immediately support his fam-
ily? I think you may venture to
me [illegible] keep your [illegible] the second
do it. quarter; & then inform us what the
[illegible] are, and we will do as well
economically as possible. If many of the Indians
[illegible] Buffalo [illegible] in the spring
[illegible] arrangements may be required, and
any may be made, to meet the new situation
[illegible] [illegible] You must also
[illegible] in [illegible] you, having the mission, I would
[illegible], [illegible] with you. If there is a
prospect of your being useful wherever you
find it [illegible] undesirable, at least till Mr.
[illegible] Wright or some other ordained missionary
can come upon the ground [illegible]
[illegible] the regular missionary labor. About this you
as the Committee can decide better in the spring
in your [illegible] and among the Indians generally.

So far as I [illegible] Mr. Bradley's [illegible] will
in regard to Miss Adams. — With love to Mrs. [illegible],
I remain very truly yours. David Greene.

the three reservations would accomplish little, as I look Mr. Wright & Mr. Hall have planned to expend all and even more than is allowed them. In these labors could Mr. B. engage in that part of the country, especially for a year or half a year, by which he could, in these times, immediately support his family? If he were in New Haven, or were he making permanent arrangements he might do it.

You must manage as carefully and economically as possible—say till the first of April—and then let us know how matters stand. Of course you will not make any new engagements, involving augmented expenditure. You must also do all in your power, & as speedily as possible, to disencumber yourself from debt.

I am glad to learn that you are finding time to be more in your study, & in sermon-writing. I hope you will also be able to preach more, and perform more visiting and other missionary labor among the people, & that, as the fruit of all this, you will see better times in your church and among the Indians generally.

So far as I can judge, you have done right in regard to Miss Adams. — With love to Mrs. Rp. I remain very truly yours. David Greene.

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Missionary House, Boston,
14 Decr. 1842.

Rev. P. P. Osunkhirhine,
St. Francis, L.C.

My Dear Sir,

Yours of the 6th is received, & I am glad to learn that you are making some progress in your labors, & that your church has been enlarged so much. You must by no means despair of increasing your congregation. Although the young priest who has come to reside among your Indians may exert great influence over them to deter them from attending your meetings &c. & to prevent your exerting influence over them, yet you must remember that God can set limits to his power; can turn their minds to the consideration of the truths of the Bible; and bring them to listen to your instructions

× [illegible]. You must not [illegible]
yourself to feel & act as though what
was beyond your power is helpless.
Has many [illegible] have been con-
verted, in circumstances as unfavora-
ble as those of yours. [illegible] & uniform
kindness, watchfulness to speak a word
of truth & light whenever opportunity
favors, an irreproachable religious
life, with prayer & looking to God for
his gracious interpositions, may, (you are aware,) enlighten the
minds & win the hearts of some. Even
the present should not be despaired of. Be
calm, cheerful, full of hope, good natured
& friendly & ready to do good to all — friend
& foe.

As to your school, let me say that I am
~~all~~ sorry you have been obliged to discontinue it;
[illegible] you lose the influence [illegible]
of a people.

x unsettled, it will, perhaps, be advisable to let it remain suspended ~~till~~ for a while — till spring at least, & then see how things look. Perhaps there will ~~be~~ be decisive indications in favor of reviving or ~~in~~ leaving it suspended. In the meantime may you not by having the readers come together, with all the children and youth you can get, one or two days in a week, keep them from falling back in their knowledge? You might hear them read, question them on various topics, distribute ~~some~~ tracts among them, pray with them, &c. &c. & thus keep them from running down & growing wild again, as they might do, if wholly neglected. Perhaps you can devise some thing of this kind which you can do consistently with your other ~~&~~ labors, which may be a substitute for a school.

The funds of the Board are now very deficient, and we very much fear that all our missions will be embarrassed and the treasury ~~much~~ deeply in debt before the year ends in July next. — Very truly yours,

D. Greene.

Rev. Danl. S. Butrick, 16 Decr, 1822.
Mount Zion, C.N.

My Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 10th of November was received yesterday. I am glad to learn that you have got your school in ~~[illegible]~~ operation again with so large a number of scholars & so fair a prospect of usefulness. Whether your rules relative to the conduct & habits of the pupils will ultimately be found to work well, and are, on the whole, expedient, I have some doubts. Not but that all the practices which you rule out of school should be discountenanced, both in your intercourse with the pupils & their parents. On that point there can be no question. But whether, when a pupil is in fault in any of these respects, it is best to cut him off, &

P.S. The state of the treasury of the Board, & the importance of making all expenditures as small as possible, you will see from the printed Herald. D.

them put a period to any influence or
him & his parents, & to his opportunities for improve
or whether it is better to permit him to rem
in school & endeavor by faithful & kind
instruction & counsel, to enlighten & reform
them. Perhaps the Cherokees around you are
far enough advanced in appreciating the adv
tages of education & in correct notions of the
practices condemned by your rules, to be pre
pared for the course you have adopted.

The propriety of your views respec
ting Jesse & Epenetus I cannot, perhaps,
correctly judge of, not being familiar wi
all the facts & bearings which ought to be co
sidered. As the case is now presented, it se
to me that your views are clearly correct. C
either of those men read the English langu
correctly? If not they have, of course, bu
a small library to gather theological know
edge from, and but little opportunity to
beyond the field that their own hearts and li
present. In native preachers, raised among
unevangelized communities, we must d

pend for their competency & safety as religious teachers, rather upon naturally strong good sense, ~~and~~ discrimination, & judgment, coupled with clear & decided religious experience, and the continued evident teachings of the Spirit of God, ~~rather~~ than upon any mental discipline or logically correct views of theological doctrines obtained by reading books. It is more indispensable that they should be thoroughly taught of God than it is for preachers where more human helps are accessible; though genuine piety is indispensable ~~to~~ for a Christian preacher any where & every where. If the ~~the~~ two men named are not safe religious teachers, they ought not to be patronized as such; & if they will not make preparation, to become safe & useful preachers, they ought not to be encouraged with the expectation of their being raised to the office of preacher. How much they may do in a lower sphere, & as to the propriety of allowing them some pecuniary aid, I will would not now decide. We may have been too free in our expenditures for these purposes.

With Christian regards to Mrs. Butrick I am
Yours truly. D. Greene

Missionary House, Boston
21 Dec. 1842

Rev. Stephen R. Riggs
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My Dear Sir,

The application in view & testimonials of Mr. Hopkins were duly read to the Committee yesterday. Perhaps you are aware that ~~they~~ have a standing rule, that every missionary & male assistant should be seen and conferred with by the Committee or the Secretaries. For three or four years since the rule was adopted, it has been departed from in hardly a single instance. It is doubtless a good rule. Mr. Hopkins is, however, so far off, and is, at the same time, so unknown to Mr. Huggins & Dr. Williamson, who both, as we understand, think him a suitable man for the place, the Committee do not know as they ought to incur the expense of bringing him on here

decide before they act on his case. His own letter
and those of Messrs. Gillibrand & Stettle are
in his favor & lead us to entertain a
good opinion of him. Still we have learned
enough of the bearings & importance of these
appointments to know that they should
not be made without the most full in-
formation, and the most careful looking
in each case. Now to avoid bringing
Mr. Hopkins here & at the same time to
have the best substitute we can for
a personal interview with him, the Com-
mittee desire you to visit him, and by
free conference, learn what his views &
feelings relative to the missionary work are
whether he is willing to abide by the judg-
ment of his brethren in the mission, as to
the place of labor, the sphere he shall
occupy, the time when he shall beco
a preacher, if it should be deemed
advisable for him ultimately to become
such, &c. The Committee wish for a more

decided expression of your own opinion as to the expediency of a man's going to a mission with this double object in view; & especially if Mr. Hopkins qualified. One man might do well under such circumstances, while another, of equal talents & worth, might, for want of a certain tact & versatility, fail seriously. As a general thing, is Mr. Hopkins one who will readily fall in with his fellow laborers, & cooperate harmoniously? Is it so with his wife? Will the acquisition of a language probably be so difficult to him, as to be a serious bar to his usefulness? This would affect his prospects as a preacher, & of course his appointment with the expectation of becoming one. As it is so difficult to obtain preachers for the Indians, we would object to his plan, if it can be well carried out.

In the place & circle where Mr. Hopkins has been brought up, the Committee wish you to inquire as to his standing & the impression he has made from his childhood up. Learn the same as to his wife, as far as you may be able. When we receive your full statement on these points, the Committee will be prepared to act.

As to your female assistant, if you can get the right person – a very difficult thing – I think the Committee will appoint her. But she should make her fully understand what her situation will be among the wild & half naked Indians, and what [illegible] of labor you expect her to engage in, [illegible] pretty sure that they will not be dissatisfied and homesick in a year or two [illegible] young.

Missionary House, 13 Bi[illegible]
23d Dec. 61

Rev. William Hall
Allegheny.

My Dear Sir,

Yours of [illegible] is before me. I must reply briefly & in haste.

As to your hiring your brother, I wrote nothing, preferring that you, after having the sum allowed by our Station known, should expend it in such a manner as should seem best. The arrangement for him was one that I had not contemplated, and hardly ~~[illegible]~~ knew what opinion to form respecting it. If you are confident that employing him, under existing circumstances, will best promote the missionary work on your reservation, you are at liberty to employ him. Mr. Hill is, & has been for the last week or more, too unwell to attend to business, & I cannot say what he would think of your drawing in advance. I suppose, of course, that you mean merely for the portion due each quarter. I do not think that to this there would be any serious objection.

I think we can send the $100

[illegible] I am very [illegible] you will see the approaching crisis in regard to [illegible] more for the Indians. How [illegible]

Missionary House, Boston,
5th Jan. 1863.

worth of donations to Mr. Jimeson.

I shall have the Herald continued to your address for one year, in consideration of his entertaining our company at Little Valley. Perhaps he will be more able to pay for it the year after. For 1863 it will be free of charge, except the postage.

Any letter in the P.O. may take the course the Postmaster pleases. It is your own time, & will help [illegible] have no one else, I presume.

I rejoice with yourself & Mrs. Ha on the arrival of the little pilgrim. May God make its course a long, useful, & ha, one.

The books for your children will, I trust, reach you before new years. They ought to have got through, & I presume they did in time before the ice closed navigation.

The favorable account of some of the backsliders will, I hope, be but the beginning of the return of them all to the fold of Christ.

May the Lord cause his face to shine upon you more & more brightly, & give you ever increasing power in prayer, preaching, & all your missionary labors. — With Christian regard to Mrs. Ha & Mrs. Jimeson, & love to your children,
I remain yours truly in Christ D. Greene

PS. Your pamphlets have been for some weeks, I believe, on the way to Dwight.
D.G.

Missionary House, Boston,
5th Jan. 1863.

Mr. A. K. Copeland

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of the 1 December permit me to say briefly that you may feel yourself authorized to carry on the Charleston country, if you can, as you seem confident you shall be able to do, accomplish the object in view without incurring greater expense than the sum named. As the funds of the Board now are you ought not to exceed the sum named, that is $250. We are in imminent danger of being forced to a great and disastrous curtailment before the year shall expire. To avoid this, or to make it as little disastrous as

P.S. Your purchases have been for some weeks, shilling on the way to Dwight. D.G.

as possible, special care must be taken to keep down all new expenses. If the case should come before the Committee anew at this time, I fear they would not feel warranted in making any appropriation.

As to the Stock you propose to take from Dwight, if Mr. Hitchcock thinks it can be spared without detriment to the station, the Committee here have no objection. Messrs. Hitchcock & Day, & yourself can best judge.

Of course Mr. Hitchcock will not expect us to make any provision for the farming department at Dwight, until we know how the question relative to Mr. Orr's return is to be decided.

With christian regards to all
I remain, in much haste, truly yours,
D. Greene

I am very sorry to hear your statement

respecting possession belonging [illegible] Infirmary Street [illegible]

[illegible] to Mr. Daniel 10 Jan [illegible] a dis

Mr. Geo. B. [illegible] for the Board's benefit, in

[illegible] objects or defraying its expe

[illegible] Dear Sir [illegible] of the case I can

not without more [illegible] fact,

No. 73 [illegible] came to hand [illegible]

[illegible] with difficult

[illegible] Being greatly pressed with [illegible]

[illegible] a different opinion. I

later it has been allowed to [illegible]

[illegible] full consultation with th

unanswerable [illegible] but believe that

I must now [illegible] to a decision [illegible]

As to the property you [illegible]. As

your possession belonging to [illegible]

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would be able to [illegible] you

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suppose [illegible] you [illegible] somewhat

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your usefulness & comfort [illegible] are con-

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entirely of the Board. [illegible] you

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have [illegible] which you

[illegible] it is for

[illegible] Mr. Dun[illegible] Mr. Ellis, when confirmed

shall think so, we have no objections to make.

I am very sorry to hear your statemen
possession belonging to it, should be hande
over to Mr. Dunbar, to be used & dis
posed of for the Boards benefit, in
accomplishing its objects & defraying its expe
Of the details & bearings of the case I can
not, without more knowledge of the facts,
circumstances, judge with sufficient c
lectness to form a confident opinion. In
a friendly & full consultation with M
Dunbar I cannot but believe that
you & he would come to a decision sa
tisfactory to yourselves & to the Board. As
you were originally appointed with refer
to labor ~~in~~ under the patronage & pay of
the Government agent, it was supposed tha
as soon as circumstances would permit, you
would cease to be an expense to the Board
& perhaps you might be able to refund what
had been expended for you. Such, I suppose,
was the understanding of yourself & all con
cerned at the time you started for the Paw
nee country. If the property in your han
can be of more use to the cause in which yo
are all engaged, by remaining where it is for
a time, & Mr Dunbar & Mr. Allis, when conferred
shall think so, we have no objections to make.

improve. Deeper self examination, & the Spirit of God in your heart, can alone qualify you for your work & make you successful in it. May the Lord be with you, & with the Indians for whom you labor.

Very truly yours in the Gospel

D. Greene

I am very sorry to hear your statements respecting Mr. Dunbar's neglect of his duties as a missionary. I, of course, have no means of judging how far you view the matter ~~correctly~~ correctly. We have always had confidence in Mr. D. & have seen or heard, till your letter, no reason to suppose that it was misplaced. Do you make sufficient allowance for the great amount of secular labor & responsibility which has been devolved on Mr. D. by the agent in the present division of the affairs of the Pawnees? or for his natural diffidence and reserve? Have you kindly and in a christian manner conferred with him on the subject? Have you endeavored to alleviate his cares, and aid as far as possible in securing time for him to prepare for religious services on the Sabbath & at other times? Are you not somewhat inclined to be censorious & to denounce others as sadly neglectful of duty? Have you not six months past, & before you wrote me on the subject, been ~~writing~~ writing to other persons in various parts of the country, censuring Mr. Dunbar, and the Board for employing him? I do not make these inquiries, of course, without having some reason to suppose that you have been faulty in all these respects. How far I do not know. I make the inquiries kindly. ~~How~~ I have nothing in view but your Christian welfare and usefulness. I trust you will reflect on the matter & make due allowance for the natural temperament of Mr. D. & the peculiar circumstances of the case. I shall write him freely upon it, & trust that wherein he has been in fault, he will in future

Missionary House, Boston,
10 Jan. 1863.

Rev John Dunbar
Pawnee Mission.

My Dear Sir,

It is long since any letter has been received from you. You do not keep us fully enough informed of your affairs. The interests of your mission require ~~that~~ it should be more before the public. It is desirable that at least two or three letters, suited to go before the public, should be forwarded by you every year. I am aware that it seems to you that there is little new or interesting occurring, & that your time is fully occupied with other matters. But every thing relating to the ~~internal~~ ~~[illegible]~~ process & change now going on among the Pawnees is interesting, as would be any notices of your attempts to do them spiritual good. I hope soon to receive a full statement of what advance has been made in gathering & settling the Indians in their new villages, & farming, &

P.S. We still hope to get one or two missionaries to help you in the spring. Above all things you need the outpouring of God's Spirit.
S.B.T.

to what extent the present movement is likely to be ~~made~~ effective & successful. Will the Indians persevere? Will the Government carry all its promises into effect in good faith & by means of such agents and laborers as will seek for the social and religious improvement of the Indians? I think so & I think it probable all this; but we wish to know it, & need to know it.

If schools have been opened, what is the number, character, effects, prospects, &c? Is the Indian any more favorably situated for religious improvement; & are they in it!

From Mr. Gaston's letters I find that he thinks you are quite too much absorbed in secular matters, and do not take so forward & active a part in religious & spiritual things as the good both of the white families and the Indians requires. I trust you will look to this matter carefully. Although I am aware from the statements of your last letter, that, in this emergency, a great weight of secular labor and responsibility are devolved upon you, yet it is very undesirable that the missionary & the spiritual husbandman should be merged & lost in the conduct or superintendent of secular affairs. So far as the secular labors, belonging especially to the mission, are concerned, they should be made as small as circumstances will permit. The less show in these things, and the less time, strength & thought devoted to them the better, except so far as example and economy require. As I know very little about your secular matters I hope you will soon give me some account of them, including [illegible] teams, cultivated land, &c. &c. Let me hear as fully as possible what you are able to do in your appropriate sphere of labor, as a missionary to the Indians. What religious means you have among them; how they attend to them; what are the results hitherto; & what are the prospects.

Mr. Gaston has written me as to the disposal to be made of the property of the Board in his hands; & I have written him that unless it can be disposed of to the great object for which you are all laboring by remaining for the present where it is, it should, as it seems to me, be delivered over to you to be used or disposed of for the benefit of the Board & the mission. The particulars & bearings of the matter I know next to nothing of. A friendly conference between yourself & him, with what I have written you both before you, will, I think, enable you to adjust the matter satisfactorily to all concerned. He has, I presume, my early letters to him, showing what the original understanding between him & the Committee was. With Christian regard to Mrs. D. & yourself, I remain affectionately & truly yours, D. Greene.

Missionary House. Boston,
10 Jan. 1863.

Rev. Harley Lord
Ithaca, N.Y.

My Dear Sir,

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Your favor of the 4th came to hand this morning. A few days since I received from Mr. Geo. B. Goss sent to me a letter containing censures of Mr. Dunbar's proceedings similar to those contained in his letter to his father. From no other quarter have we heard any thing against Mr. D. We suppose Mr. D. to be a modest diffident man, rather slow & perhaps lacking in enterprise & probably too unsocial to be in the highest degree useful as a missionary anywhere. Still we have had no occasion to think him otherwise than a truly pious man, industrious & cons. laborious in his work, & sincerely de-

[illegible] being useful in it. He writes
me but seldom & then not very fully;
especially for the last year. This I th
attributed to his having so much labor
on his hands. The agent on the part
of the U.S. Government, who resides 120
or more miles from the Pawnee settle
ment has made Mr D. his representa
tive, & given him full power to act in
the agent's behalf, when he is absent. Th
has ~~th~~ devolved on Mr D. the oversight
of the farmers, teachers, mechanics, &c, &
settling in appropriate places Indian fa
milies, as they come in & agree to settle do
at their new villages. Mr. D. must also, I
presume, deal out to the Indians their
tools, stock, some articles of food, &c. at
the government furnish. He wrote me
some months ago that he was overtak
ed with labors of this kind, & could not
much longer bear up under it. He a
lows himself to be thus burdened, I sup

because he does not know on whom it will devolve, if he declines it. I fear it may be given to some one who may not perform it with much reference to the good of the Indians. Still I see not why he should not hold some kind of Sabbath meetings; nor do I perceive that Mr. Gaston's letter asserts that he does not, though it leaves such an impression. Perhaps he only means to say that Mr. D. does nothing which he calls preaching. This, perhaps, Mr. Dunbar's diffidence would prevent his doing without more preparation than under the existing arrangement he is able to make. We hope to send him one good associate, able to act as a teacher, farmer, or physician, early in the Spring.

Mr. Gaston is, I suppose you are aware, an Oberlin man, and having some of the views & feelings cherished there, may desire to see a kind of activity and bluster in religious matters, which will be looked for in vain, in a man of Mr. Dunbar's sober & moderate temperament.

We will do all we can to find out what the state of things is, & to rectify what is wrong.

Very respectfully & truly yours, D. Greene.

Missionary House. Boston,
14 Jan. 1843.

Rev Cyrus Kingsbury,
Pine Ridge. C.N.

My Dear Sir

The letters of yourself and associates, relating to the boarding schools for Choctaw ~~girls~~ girls, & to Messrs. Potter & Cook, came to hand on the 9th inst. The copy of the Choctaw laws on the subject, which you mention, having sent with your letters, and which seems to be essential to have before the Committee, in order to their acting intelligently on the case, has not been received. I have, however, laid the letters before the Committee, and we have tried to get as distinct a view of the case, with its conditions & bearings, as we could without the missing document. While the Committee do not wish, ~~to say what~~ with their present defective knowledge of the matter, to say definitely what they will or will not do, they authorize me to say that they do not, so far as the statements before them go, see

any reasons of objection to the schools &
mention being taken under the patronage
of the Board & the Mission. But they are a
that there are some things in your letter
they do not fully understand, probably
want of the other paper, & they cannot
how much that paper, if before them
might change their present views
the whole matter. They wish you, therefore
to forward another copy of the laws, with as
little delay as practicable. In the mean
time, if you must act decisively, they
authorize you to encourage the Choctaws
so far as you think best, except that the
pecuniary responsibility of the Board & the
Mission must not, under existing cir-
cumstances be increased above your
estimate of $3,120.

As to Messrs. Potter & Covel, let me
say that all we know of the former is what you
write. This all appears well. The Committee see
no objection to his being employed in the mission as
you propose, at the expense of the Board, with

the expectation that after a year or so, if he shall like the employment & succeed in it, and his character & course of proceeding shall be such as to commend him to your judgment & that of your associates, he will, on such recommendation, be appointed by the Committee. As he is on the ground now, let him make the trial & prove himself. This they think is safest & best all round.

The same general ~~remarks &~~ course of proceeding the Committee prefer should be adopted with Mr. Covel. So far as they have any unfavorable opinion of him, it can be done away in such a manner. They are willing to give him a fair trial. But they are constrained to say that his proceedings at Dwight, his treatment of Mr. ~~Hol~~ Hitchcock, & remarks respecting him, & Doct. Butler, & some others, as if, because they would not coincide with his views and measures, they were opposed to revivals, &c. have not favorably impressed us. The fact of his turning aside from the work for which he went out, & going to the Choctaw country, without explanations & reasons which have not been given us, look like the effects of that want of stability & love of change which have been ascribed to him, & of which I have conversed freely with him. While therefore the Committee are willing to give him a trial in the way mentioned in the case of Mr. Potter, they are not prepared to give him an appointment, nor am I certain they would, in view of any thing he could say or do, if

he were here. His best way is to go forward & work well, and thus show himself to be a stable and discreet man. So we would say respecting any person who was in the field where the trial could be made.

Very respectfully & truly yours

D. Greene

Missionary House. Boston.
14 Jan. 1843.

Mr. Hanson Bradley
Cattaraugus Mission.

My Dear Sir,

Your letter of 27 December came to hand this morning. For weeks I have been supposing that you would be looking for a letter from me. My only apology is the unexpected amount of labor thrown on me by the sickness of Mr. Crosby, who still remains unable to labor, & is indeed now very feeble on a sick bed from which I fear he will not soon if ever get up. He has not been able to aid us in our work more than two or three weeks since my return from visiting you.

Your account of your Alleghany labors I was very glad to receive & I shall probably print a part of it. I have no doubt of the usefulness and importance of such labors to any people in either christian or heathen lands; and as the N.Y. Indians are now situated in relation to the whites, & especially in respect to the heathen portion of them, friendly visits from house, for conversation on religious subjects & the state & prospects of their souls, sympathy with them under their numberless wrongs, & expressions of christian ~~sympathy for~~ interest in them & theirs, are admirably adapted to awaken relig. feelings in them & prepossess them in favor of the missionary & his labors. I hope you will be able to do much of this during the winter at Cattaraugus. You must try to give as much life & animation to your talks as you can. You cannot probably become a 'son of thunder'; but you may, perhaps, give more force and interest to what you say, by an increase of vivacity in your manner, tones, & movements. It is never too late to mend.

the best may become better, in spite of the perfectionists.

As to the box of clothing you mention you had better write me the kind of articles that will be most useful to you, adding what would be the next best, & we will come as near to accommodating you as the goods we have on hand will permit.

I am glad to hear what you say relative to the Jameson family. I hope it may prove that the prayers of her have been heard; & that if the young man shall be spared, he may give his mother, by his dutiful affection, occasion to see that her parental solicitude and prayer for him ~~[illegible]~~ have not been in vain.

Would that we might have cause for joy in seeing the prayers of many others of your praying Indians, & of those who have died in the faith, are answered in the conver~~sion~~tion of their descendants. = Your plan for meetings I think well of. May the Lord be with you in them. = With Christian regards to Mrs. Bradley, I remain very truly yours. D. Greene

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Boston Jan 7 1843.

H. Hill

Jan 17th. 1843.

John Ross. Esq.

Dear Sir,

You have here an invoice of the several articles purchased, packed, & shipped, agreeably to your request, all of which will, I trust, be satisfactory. The freight to New Orleans is paid and all the articles have been insured here.

As to the articles sent, let me remark that we felt peculiarly favored in obtaining such a press at such a price. The maker is regarded, I believe, as the best in the country, & the one sent you, is one he made as an extra piece of work & put it in his shop as a specimen. The printers here, whom I called to examine it, say that there is not a better press in the country. In putting it up you will need a very firm flooring, level, & without any spring or settling. The press must stand perpendicular, all the supports bearing equally. Some care will be necessary in this. A good printer will understand it.

As to type & furniture of all sorts, let me say that with the aid of former catalogues & schedules, we have done the best we could, in using the judgment of the typefounder & my own; & I hope that all is sent which will be required to answer your object. If any thing more is needed, please inform me, & it shall be sent with [illegible] as are printed. In a day or two I shall ship 80 reams more, 200 for the newspaper, which will suffice for two years, printing 800 weekly. Should more be needed, we can, if early information be given, send it the coming spring, & after that we shall [illegible] next fall. — We have purchased all at the lowest cash prices, and on better terms, I believe, than we ever made any similar purchase before.

Very respectfully, Truly yours,

David Greene

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Missionary House, Boston,
17 Jan. 1843.

To Deacon Pierce & Shongo,
Jacob Blacksnake, and
other Indians at Allegany.

Brothers in Christ,

After I left you in October last, I was, by the gracious care of the Lord, carried safely to Cattaraugus, Buffalo, & Tuscarora, and thence home, where I was permitted to find my family and friends enjoying that same goodness that had guided & protected me in my journey. My aged father, 88 years old, has, however, been called away.

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early as practicable. — As your paper was printed formerly on many different sizes, I was at a loss what size of paper to se[nd] you; & as I did not know what number you would print, I could not accurately decide on the number of reams necessary for a two years supply. On this invoice you have 50 reams of book paper, ~~half~~ 25 f & 25 not so good; but as good as is used here for common books & pamph also 150 reams for the newspaper. This, though having some black spec a strong & good paper for the price, & better than our ~~ne~~ common new es are printed on. In a day or two I shall ship 50 reams more, 200 for the newspaper, which will suffice for two years, printing 800 week. Should more be needed, we can, if early information be gi send it the comming spring, or after the river shall rise next fa — We have purchased all at the lowest cash prices, and on better terms, I believe, than we ever made any similar purchase before.

Very respectfully & truly yours,

David Greene

Mission House. Boston,
17 Jan. 1863.

To Deacons Pierce & Shongo, Jacob Blacksnake, and other Indians at Allegany.

Brothers in Christ,

After I left you in October last, I was, by the gracious care of the Lord, carried safely to Cattaraugus, Buffalo, & Tuscarora, and thence home, where I was permitted to find my family and friends experiencing that same goodness that had guided & protected me in my journeys. My aged father, 85 years old, had, however, been called away by death. His work was done. I hope that he now rests with Jesus in heaven.

It gives me great pleasure, & I often thank the Lord, that I have been permitted to see you, talk & pray with you, and preach to you the word of life; and I should rejoice if I might have an opportunity often to do so again. I often think of you & pray for you. Many people here love to hear of you, and pray that the blessings of God may rest upon you all, & on your children, and they desire to do all they can for your welfare.

You remember the talk I had with you at your meeting house, respecting schools, & especially boarding schools. I then hoped that our Missionary Society would be able to help you some in establishing one or two such boarding schools, though, as I then told you, I feared that we might not have money enough to do this and carry on all our other missions at the same time. When I reached home I found that the money we were receiving was less than what we were expending, & that the Society was in danger of getting much debt. However, I told the Society what y wants were, how your reservation was shaped, the river that runs the whole length of it, dividing it, & of the villages far apart, in which you lived, & how few of your children could now attend school. They said they should be very glad to give you such schools as you wanted, if they had money to spare from the other missions to support them; but they had not, & knew not where they could get it. These are hard times, you know, to get money: and many persons who have heretofore given much to the Missionary Society, now give but little, because they cannot get much to give. The Society is therefore poor, like the farmers, mechanics, & traders, [illegible] from whom we receive the money to support it. We cannot, therefore, support boarding schools among you now, or aid you in it, with more money than we are now giving your missionary & teachers. Whether we shall be able to do it at some future time I cannot tell. It would give us much pleasure to do it, if we could. If the Lord continues to pour out his Spirit on you & your people, as he has done the last year, and you do all you can to derive benefit from the missionary & the schools you now have, I hope that many of your children will learn to read the word of God & to love & obey him. Those of you who understand English, must do what you can to teach it to your children, by talking in it & encouraging them to speak it. Get your children to school & meeting as much as you can. Pray for them. Let them see that you live a holy life, & may God dwell with & bless both you & them.

I remain very truly your brother & friend. David Greene.

Missionary House, Boston
20 Jan. 1863

Mr. Jared Olmstead
Choctaw Mission.

Dear Sir,

Yours of November came duly to hand, and it gives me great pleasure to learn that you have a field of labor so pleasant to yourself, where your labors are so acceptable to the Indians, and the field so open, where you have to do enough, & that of a kind which you love to perform. I know of nothing for which we ought to be more thankful, so far as the allotments of providence for this life are concerned, than to have opened before us an ample and agreeable sphere of labor and usefulness—the more labor, if we have strength and wisdom for it, the better. It seems that you have enough to do, of the most interesting kind, & where your efforts are acceptable. See then what you can do for the Lord & for the salvation of the Indians. Much satisfaction and success may the Lord give you in your work. You must be patient, good-natured, laborious, & persevering. Feel that you are settled down for life, and as much as possible identify yourself and all your interests & hopes, with the progress of piety and social improvement among the Choctaws, assured that if you look to the Lord humbly & importunately for his blessing, you will be made an instrument of great good to them.

As to the plan proposed for a boarding school of boys, we hardly know what to say. We have not all the bearings of case before us, & cannot have at this distance. If your brethren of the mission advise to it, and it can be carried into effect without involving the Board at all in regard to funds, the Committee will not object to it; but in the present state of the treasury, they would not dare to incur any expense for it. If you engage in it, you must remember it will bring an increased burden of labor & care upon yourself & Mrs. Olmstead; & also bear in mind that, after you have entered upon it, it will not be easy to give it up without disappointing the Indian. In the care of the boys there will many

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thing of your school which will require much judgment, and in respect to which it will be hard to satisfy your own judgment & the wishes of the Indians. Still all these difficulties may be overcome, & such a school be, on the whole, satisfactory to all concerned, & useful.

From your wife's sister we have heard nothing as yet, though a month has elapsed since your letter reached me. From your letter I infer that you don't wish us to say anything to her till we hear from her. Should she be disposed to go and join you, & should her testimonials be satisfactory, I presume that the Committee will send her.

With Christian regards to Mrs. Olmstead & yourself,

I remain truly yours,

D. Greene

P.S. As to the School in the Western district of which you write, I don't [illegible] the Committee are sufficiently [illegible] of the circumstances to form any opinion. If the opening is decidedly promising & the expense of sustaining it [illegible] [illegible]. D.G.

Missionary House Boston
25th Jan. 1843

Rev. Cyrus Kingsbury
Choctaw Mission,

My Dear Sir,

Yours of Dec. 24th enclosing the act of the Choctaw legislature, came to hand on the 15th instant, and the whole matter was submitted to the Committee at their meeting yesterday. So far as they can understand the bearings of the matter, it the seems to them expedient that the mission should have the superintendence and instruction of the four female schools, on the conditions expressed in the act. The great difficulty in the way seems to them to be the obtaining the right persons for stewards. The teachers, & those who we may be pretty confident will do well, we think we can without great difficulty obtain. The other class of laborers, those who will take care of the boarding house, &

P.S. As to the School in the Western district of which you write, I dont
the Committee or myself know enough of the circumstances to give any opinion. If the
opening is decidedly promising, & the expense not great, it might be encouraged. D.G.

cheerfully perform the hard work, it will be much more difficult to find. Still we think they can probably be found.

I am not certain how many new laborers you & your brethren think will be necessary. Mr. Wright & Mr. Byington say that a female teacher will be needed at each of their stations. If Miss Arms teaches one school & Mrs. Potter another, or Mr. & Mrs. Hotchkin, I do not see but you will have your complement of teachers.

As to families for taking charge of the boarding houses, one will be needed at Mr. Byington's, none at Mr. Wright's, but I infer that another will be needed at either the Chuwala or Kunsha school, unless Mr. Covel should have a family again and occupy one of the places. My impression is, whatever else he may be adapted to, he would not be precisely the right man for taking charge of such a family of children. — Will you then write me as early as may be convenient, mentioning ~~[illegible]~~ expressly how many new laborers, and of what class, will be needed, in case these schools go into operation, under the superintendence of the mission. Let the number of families needed to keep boarding houses be as small as practicable; and if any way can be devised in which new families, sent from this part of the country, shall not have that kind of service to perform, we think it very desirable. Every thing about the matter would be so new & strange, that most would be likely to fail in some & either become discouraged, or not satisfy the expectations. — How is the burden of the kitchen work for these large families to be performed? Please state as nearly as you can what would be expected of the ~~stewards~~ stewards & their families. I suppose that none of these helpers need be sent till next fall.

If Mr. & Mrs. Potter prove to be valuable helpers, they should by all means be retained; & if he can do most good as a preacher, make him one in due time.

Very respectfully & truly yours

D. Greene

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Missionary House. Boston,
27 Jan. 1843.

Rev. Saml A. Worcester,
Park Hill

My Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge your favors of the 28 & 30th November, & 19th & 28th December, (the last received this day.) As Mr Greene, our fellowlaborer, who is too unwell to attend to business, has been sick the most of the time for three months past, I am greatly pressed with business & must write hastily & briefly.

Respecting the almanac & calendar for 1843, I have written Mr. Conant, and if he can meet your wants, while yet you take the most of your calendar from the Christian Almanac, he will; but if he cannot, he will prepare the whole as heretofore. Your inquiries about the stars, moon, &c. I have sent to him & requested him to write you.

I will endeavor to get a cloak for you to your mind.

The slave case I still think you had better not meddle with. If it is a simple case of loaning money, I would abstain from it. If the

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cause leaving to act our trade, and then too a rule of the Committee forbids it, & properly too.

As to the teachers, let me say that ever since the matter seemed to be shaking in the wind last summer, I have done nothing about obtaining more, as I felt confident that the opening & call could not ~~to~~ be depended on. How does Mr. Pulsifer succeed? We had a very favorable opinion of him & his wife. I infer that he is still supported by the Cherokee friends. Mr. Covel, we understand through the Choctaw missionaries, desires to be employed in that mission. Our Committee think it best, for the present, at least that he should stay where he is.

What shall I say to your music? I mentioned it to Mr. Mason, and requested him to call & examine it, & take it, if desired. He has not, however, passed upon it yet. The air, taken as a simple melody, ~~it~~ may be as good as one half of those in the Billings & Holden music; but in the harmony, it seems to me that you violate all principles & rules. Your third part reckoning upward, if designed for an alto, could not sung by one voice in a thousand. I am, however, little skilled in such matters to make a critique on composition.

Affectionately & truly yours, D. Greene

Missionary House. Boston;
2 Feb. 1843.

John Ross. Esqr.
Park Hill. C.N.

Dear Sir

On the other leaf you have the invoice of the remaining lot of paper which has been shipped, & will, I trust, reach you in due time. This lot is, I believe, considerably better, in appearance at least, than the other, though it may not turn out better in the working. But I trust that both will, in the quality & price, prove satisfactory.

A balance from your remittance now remains on hand of $131.49, which you may draw for on Henry Hill Treasr, or direct us to pay you here, or expend for you, as you shall prefer. If, when all the packages shall arrive, you shall find any thing lacking, please inform us, and will, if you desire, purchase it for you. The freight is all paid to New-Orleans, & all the packages are insured to that place. We shall be glad to hear from you of their safe arrival & how

Missionary House. Boston,
2d Feb. 1843.

Rev. Asher Wright,
Seneca Mission.

My Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 19th December has lain quite too long unanswered. But nearly the whole time since my return from your quarter, Mr. Crosby has been too unwell to aid us, & thus all which we expected him to do has come on us. Of his recovery we fear there is little hope. This developement of providence has been a great & painful disappointment to us, & fills our hands more than full of work. But the Lord's way is best, however much it may be unlike our planning & wishing. In this state of things you must find my apology for neglecting to write you.

Please say to Mr. Pierce that I have written Mr. Ross for a copy of the Cherokee Constitution & Laws. [illegible] copy here; or at least none that I can find.

Did I make the mistake of writing you about a refracting telescope instead of a reflecting one? My memorandum was & is right; and I am quite confident that talked with the Optician ~~about~~ in accordance with my memorandum. I will look more into the matter.

Respecting the transfer of an engraved picture ~~from~~ from the paper to the block, I have made some inquiries, but do not find that any such art is practiced here, the common practice being to draw the picture on the block with a pencil. I will inquire further, & if I can find out any thing that will be of use to him, I will inform you.

By a letter from Mr. Bradley since his return from Allegheny, I learn that he was much pleased with his labors there & thought that good would result from them. He loves that kind of work, & would, I presume, be safe and judicious in it. Whether he has vivacity enough to waken interest, & stir the mind of the Indians to action on religious subjects, is the question. The first time you see Mr. Hall, I hope you will talk the matter over with him and learn his opinion; & then, with what he says before you, write me plainly, whether, in your opinion, he ought to be retained in the missionary work. He & Mr. Bliss cannot probably get along together. They do not have a sufficiently favorable view of each other's character & labors, to admit of their coalescing.

The box of books of which I wrote, as there was nothing in it which came into the accounts of the Board, was not entered on our invoice & shipping book, but was sent by railroad to Albany, to go thence by the canal, addressed to you, to the care of Mr. Crocker. It is probably frozen up for the winter, & will thaw out & get along in the spring. With Christian regards & love to all your associates, I remain truly yours. D. Greene